The second edition of this timesaving guide provides nurses with streamlined steps for rapidly assessing complaints that involve any area of the body.

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