This quick-reference handbook presents complaint-based triage protocols for assessing patients face to face in emergency and urgent care settings and assigning acuity levels within the 5-tier triage acuity system.

The 5-tier triage acuity system is endorsed by the Emergency Nurses Association and the American College of Emergency Physicians and is rapidly becoming the international standard for emergency care clinical units.

Organized alphabetically, the book covers 120 emergent and urgent complaints in all age groups, including environmental exposures and psychiatric presentations. Differential diagnosis charts are included to aid in rapid triage decisions. Nursing pearls are integrated throughout the book.