

# WB

## PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

- 1 Societies
- 11 History of the practice of medicine.  
Classify general works on history of medicine at WZ40
- 13 Dictionaries. Encyclopaedias. Bibliographies  
Use for general works only. Classify with specific aspect where possible
- 15 Classification of disease. Medical terminology. Include dictionaries of medical acronyms and abbreviations
- 18 Education and training. Include educational materials for both teaching and study.  
General exam texts.  
If preferred exam texts can be further subdivided as follows.  
Default to exam type first so Cases for PACES would go under PACE not cases.
  - 18.1 Undergraduate exams - general
    - 18.11 Undergraduate exams - basic sciences
    - 18.12 Undergraduate exams - Clinical specialties including surgery
    - 18.13 Undergraduate exams - Cases
    - 18.14 Undergraduate exams - OSCEs
    - 18.15 Undergraduate exams - Memory & learning guides
    - 18.16 Undergraduate exams - Finals
  - 18.2 SJT (Situational Judgement Test)
  - 18.3 MRCP
    - 18.31 MRCP Part 1
    - 18.32 MRCP Part 2
    - 18.33 MRCP PACES
  - 18.4 PLAB (Professional & Linguistic Assessments Board)
  - 18.5 PANCE, PANRE, PA (Physician Associate & Physician Assistant)
  - 18.6 PSA (Prescribing Safety Assessment)
  - 18.7 USMLE/USML United States Medical Licensing Examination

- 20 Medical / health research. Evidence based practice. General works. Include general works on evidence-based practice, evidence-based health care, and evidence-based medicine and critical appraisal.  
Classify with the subject where possible, e.g. health services research at WX20; nursing research at WY20. See Q20 for research in general; WB25 for research methodology and design
- 21 Internal medicine and medical research as a profession. Careers  
Classify medicine as a profession at WA200-203
- 22 Ethics in medical / health research
- 23 Research institutes
- 24 History of medical / health research
- 25 Research methodology. Specific methodological techniques
- 35 Medical equipment and supplies
- 36 Use of computers, IT and telecommunications technology, e.g. telemedicine, e-health initiatives.  
See WX20 for managerial/financial aspects of health technology assessment  
Classify specific applications with the specialty concerned
- 39 Handbooks and resource guides in internal medicine

#### TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

- 55 Traditional medicine. General works covering all forms and those not specified below.  
Classify traditional pharmaceutical substances at QV452. Classify herbal remedies at QV466.
- 56 African traditional medicine  
Classify African traditional pharmaceutical substances at QV452. African herbal remedies at QV466
- 57 Arabic medicine
- 58 Ayurvedic medicine
- 59 Chinese traditional medicine  
Classify Chinese traditional pharmaceutical substances at QV452. Chinese herbal remedies at QV466.

- 60 Far East traditional medicine
- 61 Kampo medicine, traditional medicine based on Chinese but practiced in Japan.
- 62 Korean traditional medicine
- 63 Tibetan traditional medicine
- 64 Unani medicine, practiced in India and Pakistan as a form of herbal medicine.

### GENERAL WORKS

- 75 Popular medical works. Include works covering general health and medical issues, e.g. 'Encyclopaedia of Family Health'
- 100 Medicine. Diseases. General works. Use for description of disease and medical practice in general. Include clinical medicine for general practitioners  
See WA200-242 for medicine as a career. See WD421 for emergency medicine. See WY100 for nursing care. Classify works on diagnosis only in WB141
- 101 Outpatient care. Ambulatory care  
See WA127 for ambulatory care facilities. Use HQ176 for abortion clinics; HQ158 for family planning clinics; WO67 for outpatient surgical procedures; WX520 for hospital outpatient clinics; WA4 for outpatients as a category of patients
- 105 Military medicine  
See WM110 for military psychiatry; WX800-825 for military health services; WN670 for medical aspects of nuclear war
- 107 Wilderness medicine
- 110 Practical procedures in medicine. General works

### DIAGNOSIS

- 141 Diagnosis. Diagnostic tests. General works and those not mentioned below  
Include differential diagnosis; early diagnosis.  
See QY23 for laboratory techniques. See W270 for health status
- 142 Prognosis
- 143 Signs and symptoms. Include cachexia.  
See QS4 for surface anatomy; WL800-38 for pain; WL734 for syncope; WL732 for coma. See also QZ140-90 for general manifestations of disease

- 150 Medical history taking and assessment  
See WA156 for the GP consultation
- 200 Physical examination. General works and those techniques not specified below  
See WY110 for nursing aspects.
- 205 Techniques of physical examination
- 240 Biopsy. Use for methodology of biopsy  
See QY for analytical aspects.
- 250 Catheterisation. General works  
Classify with the disease or part of the body where possible
- 260 Endoscopy. General works  
Classify with the disease or part of the body where possible
- 270 Body temperature
- 280 Blood pressure
- 282 Pulse
- 284 Respiration. Lung volume measurements
- 286 Body weights and measures. Include body mass index  
See WD110 for obesity and WD292 metabolic obesity
- 290 Venepuncture. Phlebotomy  
See QY400-450 for blood tests
- 295 Monitoring. Clinical measurement. General works  
Classify with the disease where possible

### THERAPEUTICS

- 300 Therapeutics. General works. Symptom control.  
Include eligibility criteria.  
For palliative care use WT640. For aftercare see WA180
- 305 Instructions or non-drug prescriptions for devices or therapy.  
Classify specific devices or therapies by subject e.g. "prescriptions" for gym membership; prescriptions for braces, wheelchairs etc.

- 327 Self care in the sense of providing care normally performed by professional health care providers.  
See QT200 for self care in the sense of maintaining and enhancing health; see WB340 for self administration of drugs; see WA190 for informal carers
- 330 Drug therapy  
Include general works on drug resistance, for particular drugs classify with the drug at QV. Include drug monitoring and placebos  
See QV for pharmacological aspects. See QV480 for management of medicines on the ward or in the primary care environment as well as in the pharmacy
- 340 Administration of drugs. Include self administration  
Do not use for administrative aspects in the sense of organisation & administration. See also WB327 for self care other than through drug medication.
- 342 Inhalation and intranasal modes of drug administration
- 344 Rectal drug administration
- 350 Oral and enteral drug administration
- 354 Injections and infusions. Intravenous drug therapy
- 356 Blood transfusion. Include haemodilution
- 360 Blood bank procedures
- 365 Various other therapeutic and diagnostic procedures. Include historical therapies e.g. Cupping, counter-irritation, phlebotomy (in the sense of bloodletting), trepanning
- 370 Plasmapheresis as a therapeutic technique
- 377 Punctures, spinal, cisternal and ventricular  
See QY210 for clinical pathology of puncture fluids
- 380 Health resorts. Include sanatoria. Include balneology and thalassotherapy (bathing in sea water)  
See WB520 for hydrotherapy (use of the temperature and motion of natural water)
- 390 Climatotherapy. Therapy by finding a better climate for health

**INTENSIVE CARE**

- 400 Intensive therapy. Intensive care. Critical care. General works  
See WG225 for cardiac care units; WS816 for intensive care baby units (ICBUs) and special care baby units (SCBUs). See WO500-755 for anaesthesia and anaesthetists
- 418 Education and training  
Include educational materials for both teaching and study
- 410 Services. Units. Staffing in intensive therapy. Rapid response team
- 420 Equipment. Environment in intensive therapy
- 430 Critical care nursing. Intensive care nursing. Care of the critically ill patient

**REHABILITATION**

Classify with the specific disorder, region or client group where possible  
e.g. WS418 for physiotherapy with children

- 450 Rehabilitation. Physical and rehabilitation medicine. General works and those not specified below
- 455 Rehabilitation nursing

**ALLIED THERAPEUTIC PROFESSIONS****PHYSIOTHERAPY**

- 460 Physiotherapy. General works  
Classify with the specific region or disease where possible
- 464 Physiotherapy as a profession. Include education and training; physiotherapy assistants
- 467 Services. Staffing levels. Standards, quality, audit. Include community physiotherapy services
- 469 Heat therapy. Use for heat applied to injuries, strains etc.  
See WT144 for heat as therapy for hypothermia in the aged.  
See WB510 for diathermy in physiotherapy
- 473 Cryotherapy. Therapeutic use of cold
- 480 Phototherapy. Ultraviolet therapy. Use of sunlight. Lasers in physiotherapy.  
See WN478 for science

- 495 Electrotherapy. Electric stimulation therapy
- 510 Diathermy in physiotherapy
- 515 Ultrasonic therapy (ultrasound diathermy) in physiotherapy.
- 520 Hydrotherapy. Use for therapy with natural water only. Include whirlpool baths.  
See WB380 for balneology (use of mineral and spa waters) and thalassotherapy (sea bathing)
- 537 Massage
- 541 Exercise therapy. Remedial gymnastics  
See QT255 for physical education
- 543 Alexander technique.  
See WQ185 for Alexander technique in childbirth
- 545 Musculoskeletal manipulations. General works or not included below.  
See WE175-90 for osteopathy

#### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

- 550 Occupational therapy. General works
- 552 Occupational therapy as a profession  
Include education and training
- 555 Services. Staffing levels. Standards, quality, audit
- 560 Arts therapy. The use of the arts and culture in general in the therapeutic environment. Include work with the physically disabled  
See WB590 for other specific arts and leisure therapies not mentioned below
- 563 Art therapy. The use of visual and plastic arts (e.g. painting, drawing, modelling, sculpture) in the therapeutic environment. See WM880 for work with the learning disabled; and WS780 for children; WM610 for mental health settings
- 565 Music therapy. The use of music in the therapeutic environment. Include work with the physically disabled.  
See WM880 for work with the learning disabled; WM620 for mental health settings; and WS780 for children

**SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIES**

- 570 Speech therapy. General works and aspects not covered below.  
Classify with specific disability where possible. See WL750-758 for neurological aspects; WS725/780 for children
- 575 Speech therapy as a profession  
Include education and training
- 580 Aids and communication systems for the speech impaired. General works for speech therapists only  
See also WV, WM and WL
- 585 Language therapy

**OTHER ARTISTIC AND LEISURE THERAPIES**

- 590 Other artistic and leisure therapies including drama, creative writing etc  
See WM600-660 for use in mental health settings; see QT250-265 for health aspects of leisure activities and sports

**PHYSICAL DISABILITY AND CHRONIC DISEASE**

Classify with the specific disability or illness where possible.  
Classify here works covering both health and social services.  
Classify here general works covering both physical and learning disabilities

- 600 Physically disabled and chronically ill. General works
- 602 Directories. Guides for the physically disabled and chronically ill
- 604 Information and advisory service. Advocacy. Legal services
- 605 Legislation relating to disability and chronic illness. E.g. DDA
- 608 Biographical accounts and popular works  
Include historical accounts of institutions, etc
- 610 Surveys. Assessment of need. Registers. Case management
- 612 Medical aspects. Illness in the disabled. Include hospital care.  
Medical complications for the chronically sick should go in WB600.  
Works on particular disabilities or illnesses should go with the problem. E.g. multiple sclerosis in WL365-8
- 613 Care services for the physically disabled and chronically ill. Long-term care services. Include all forms of professional care. Include education and training of professional carers



- 615           Rehabilitation for physical disabilities and chronic illness.
- 618           Education and training for the physically disabled and chronically ill.
- 620           Independent living for the physically disabled
- 621           Attitudes to the disabled. Include abuse and discrimination
- 622           Environmental aspects, e.g. access to buildings
- 625           Psychological and spiritual aspects
- 628           Social or economic aspects. Include employment
- 630           Personal relationships. Include sexual aspects

#### **WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND CHRONICALLY ILL**

- 635           Social welfare and social work for the physically disabled and chronically ill.  
General works and those not specified below. Include counselling.  
Works on the learning disabled go at WM875-93
- 640           Financial services. Social security. Disability pensions.
- 650           Aids. Equipment. Clothing. Include general works on assistive technology for the  
physically disabled  
See WE122-138 for medical aspects of prostheses
- 660           Professional home help services. Include meal provision
- 675           Transport and mobility
- 680           Residential care. Accommodation
- 685           Day care. Day centres
- 690           Home care by the family. Informal support. Include problems for the family.  
See WA190 for informal care and carers generally; WT180 for care by the  
family in old age. Use WB660 for home care helpers and other professional or  
trained assistance in the home
- 695           Recreation, leisure and sports facilities. Include holiday schemes, etc  
See Z260 for library services to the housebound

**COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE**

- 800 Complementary medicine. General works and those not mentioned below.  
See WE590-596 for chiropractic; WE175-190 for osteopathy
- 810 Integrative medicine combining complementary and mainstream medicine
- 825 Holistic medicine. Mind-body therapies
- 830 Homeopathy
- 840 Herbal therapy. Phytotherapy. Use of medicinal plants  
See Traditional Medicine WB55-64 for use of herbs in that sector; see QV452  
for pharmacological aspects
- 845 Aromatherapy
- 850 Acupuncture. General works. Include moxibustion  
See WL834 for use in pain management and WO700 for use in anaesthesia
- 852 Acupressure. Include Shiatzu
- 855 Faith healing. Use for Christian faith only  
Other religions' faith healing should go with the appropriate traditional section
- 860 Reflexology
- 865 Naturopathy