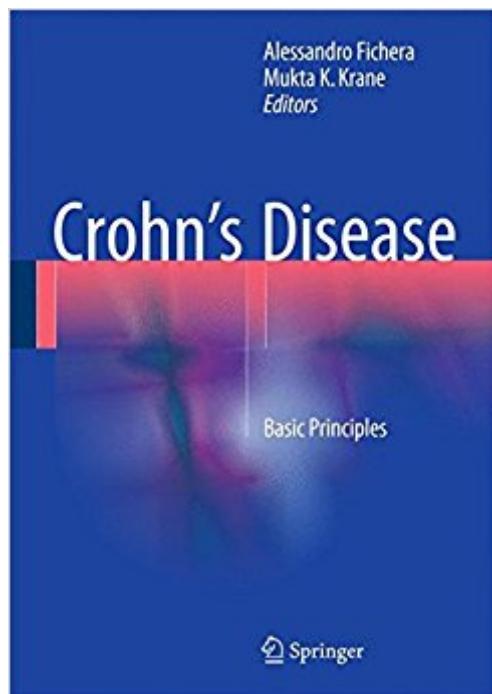


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# Crohn's Disease: Basic Principles



## Synopsis

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(Shauna Lorenzo-Rivero, Doody’s Book Reviews, November, 2015)

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This is a collection of short articles written by physicians. They don’t appear to have been published anywhere else, and this begs the question if they were peer reviewed or not. There’s a lot of problems with the information presented in the articles, I’ll briefly point out a few of the major issues: 1. It’s assumed that Crohn’s is an autoimmune disease. This is a controversial position. The

contemporary consensus is that Crohn's is not an autoimmune disease but a immunodeficiency state. There's a difference and it's not acknowledged.2. The efficacy curve of biologics isn't acknowledged in detail, it's just passively disclosed. This is the sign that the creators of the book had financial sponsorship from the manufacturers of biologics. There are well known references to the efficacy curve that are left out.3. The iatrogenic consequences of traditional therapies is entirely ignored. This is beyond troubling.4. There's nearly no acknowledgement of the patient experience. It's briefly covered in the final article but it's a superficial.5. Treatment withdrawal (thiopurine therapy, for example) and exit strategies of drugs which are either ineffective or have lost efficacy are completely left out.6. The acknowledgement of Fecal Microbiota Transplantation is briefly acknowledged but entirely underdeveloped and all the seminal references are left out.(I could go on but you get the idea.)Overall the book is a regurgitation of the status quo for commercial therapies. Financial disclosures are left out. Many of the physicians appear in Dollars for Doctors. Beware of the information in this book. One thing the book does well is acknowledge the complexity of the disease. It's difficult to

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