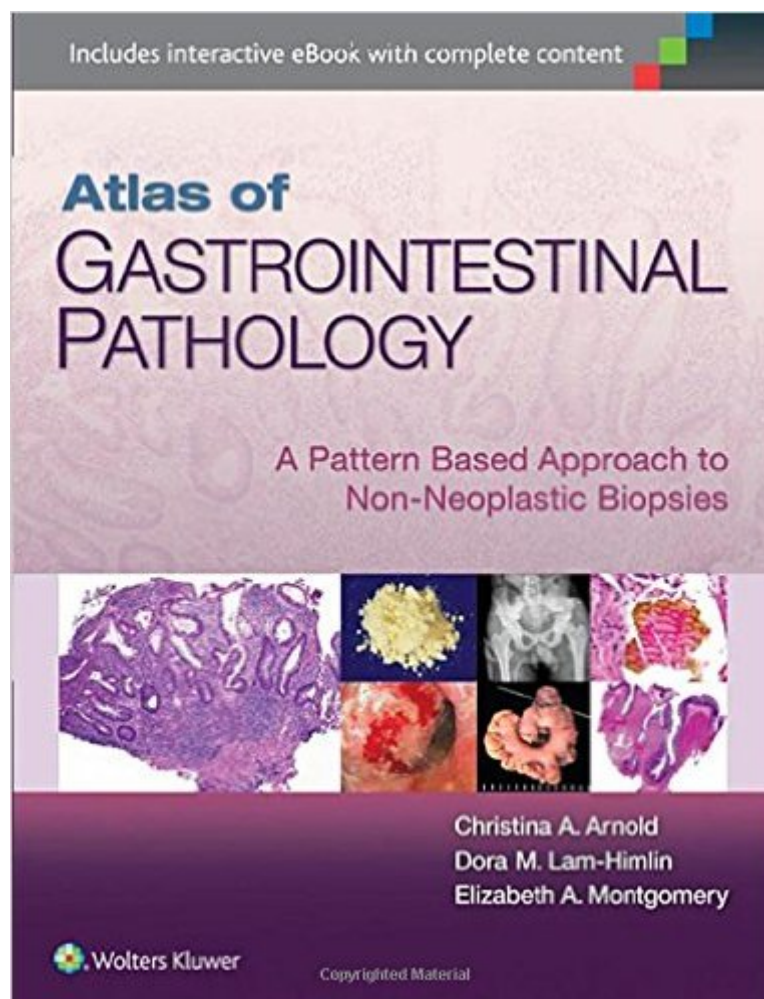




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# Atlas Of Gastrointestinal Pathology: A Pattern Based Approach To Non-Neoplastic Biopsies



## Synopsis

Effectively evaluate challenging GI biopsies with *Atlas of Gastrointestinal Pathology: A Pattern Based Approach to Non-Neoplastic Biopsies*! Presented in a format that closely mirrors the daily sign-out process, this one-of-a-kind resource helps you interpret challenging cases by highlighting red flags in the clinical chart and locating hidden clues in the slides. You<sup>™</sup> will be able to reach confident diagnoses efficiently with this patterns based *endoscope-side guide*.

- **Key Features**
  - More than 1,100 images illustrate the full morphologic spectrum of the major patterns of non-neoplastic GI tract pathology - providing abundant and varied examples of each diagnosis. The corresponding text details how to recognize the relevant pattern, arrive at a specific diagnosis, and avoid diagnostic pitfalls.
  - Key structural elements help you to quickly zero in on specific patterns of injury, link the injury patterns with particular etiologies, and master important diagnostic nuances.
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“The best part of the book is the generosity of the number of images (more than 1,100!)”  
“enables readers to think smarter and faster with respect to the differential diagnosis.”  
“above and beyond expectations of a gastrointestinal pathology atlas” “offers the most realistic approach to simulating the real-world sign-out experience with less than ideal images and a number of checklists, tables, sample notes, FAQs, and pointers regarding common pitfalls.” “undoubtedly one of the best additions to anyone’s armamentarium of pathology books.” Weighted Numerical Score: 97 - 5 Stars!-Doodys Publishers’ Club, Friday, December 5, 2014

Well, readers, now that we know how the first reviewer (a male pathologist) feels about women and specifically Dr. Elizabeth Montgomery (rather odd for a public review, don’t you think?), let’s talk about this lovely new textbook of GI pathology. First of all, this is an atlas, so there are many, many more pictures than your typical text. There are 12 images of acute CMV gastritis; >20 images of normal variations in the small bowel; >20 of celiac/malabsorption; >30 of chronic colitis, etc. Each image is accompanied by an informative figure legend. For example: Figure 3.121 is in the section on medication injury. The image shows a high power view of crypts with abundant apoptosis. The legend explains that this is mycophenolate-induced injury, describes the confluent apoptotic activity, and gives a clinical scenario. “Checklists” are the second useful feature of this atlas. Because the authors take a pattern-based approach to each entity (a reasonable way to organize pathologic entities, since we’re all looking for patterns in our slides), each constellation of findings is described and given a differential diagnosis (a checklist). For example, there is a section on the “lymphocytic gastritis” pattern, which includes this checklist: infectious (*Helicobacter*, HIV), celiac, immune-mediated disorders (CVID, Crohn), Medications (ticlopidine, olmesartan,) and neoplasia. In my opinion, that’s a very useful list to tick off when doing clinicopathologic correlation to provide good patient care. A sample of the other “checklists” in just the gastric section: reactive gastritis, acute gastritis, collagenous gastritis, gastric eosinophilophilia, gastric hyperplasia, and many more. The final feature that I will mention in this review, and perhaps my favorite, is the “Sample Note.” Here the authors provide an actual top-line diagnosis and note for the entity covered. Do you have a duodenum with increased intraepithelial lymphocytes but no villous blunting? There’s a sample note for that. How about a possible syphilis proctocolitis? There’s a sample note for that.

Lichenoid pattern of the esophagus? There's a sample note for that. I always appreciate when experts in the field share their wording because clear communication is so important in our specialty. I'll stop here and simply say that I think this is a good book for pathologists-in-training as well as practicing pathologists. Yes, it is succinct, and for that reason cannot be THE definitive text of non-neoplastic GI pathology, but that wasn't the authors' intent. Instead, this is an immensely practical book that I have pulled off of my shelf several times in just the past week.

Even books that come from renowned pathologists can be disappointing. This has been the case for me regarding the Atlas. Yes it has a lot of very good pictures and is well organized. The thing is that for me the price is not remotely appropriate for what you get. It called my attention because I really liked the pattern based approach of the practical pathology series, and as a general pathologist I appreciate a go to book for my every day practice, I find this is not the book for me.

The book of 420 pages is richly illustrated and has many good ideas, not all new but worth repeating. It's not a five stars because in my opinion five stars go to books essential for a library masterpieces that will remain in history etc, I must be old fashioned. More prosaic reasons follow: the topics covered are limited to non-neoplastic biopsies pathology and not all of them are or could possibly be present. There are some oddities mentioned that subtract from the text (pulse granulomas: are well known but seemed inappropriately stressed at length in the book) and some that add to it nice tidbits of information (e.g. pseudomelanosis duodeni). The risk is to take bits of information as if they were all there is to know about a topic. Inevitably the text "concentration" is uneven: rallying to some causes and blissfully shortchanging other as it is an atlas of a portion of pathology of the digestive system. The price is outrageous, if I were an accountant I would look at this and consider a full blown book providing a lot of pictures and all there is to know in complete detail: the price hurts the book that is a cute exercise, a form of mental gymnastic in differential diagnosis in some areas of GI pathology. You decide if you need it based on your knowledge needs and wallet.

Very good overview of non-neoplastic GI pathology. Great readability. Also love the included inkling eBook version. I wish Dr. Arnold would do an overview of neoplastic GI as well, but that's just not the goal of this book.

Fantastic book, change my view how to sign out.

Not very good

The Atlas is a concise but sufficiently thorough reference book, especially useful for those tip-of-the-tongue moments, or for those uncommon (but not exceedingly rare) patterns one occasionally encounters. I believe this book will become a common reference for me similar to the Atlas of Gynecological Pathology or my copy of the latest Cytology by Cibas.

Excellent book and amazing picture quality!

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