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Authors	Title	Publishers	ISBN	eBook available	Link for eBook
Moore et al	Clinically Orientated Anatomy, 9 th edition	Lippincott and Williams	9781975209551	Yes	https://premiumbasicsciences.lwwhealthlibrary.com/b ook.aspx?bookid=3187
John A. Kiernan and Nagalingam Rajakumar	Barr's the human nervous system: an anatomical viewpoint	Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	9781451173277	No	Available as hardcopy in the Main Library
Hall	Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology, 15 th edition (released end of July 2025)	Elsevier	978-0443111013	Yes	
Sadler	Langman's Medical Embryology, 15 th edition	Lippincott and Williams	9781975180010	Yes	https://premiumbasicsciences.lwwhealthlibrary.com/b ook.aspx?bookid=3221
Naish et al	Medical Sciences, 4th edition (not yet on catalogue but electronic access available).	Elsevier	978-0-7020-8239-9	Yes	
Innes et al	Macleod's Clinical Examination, 15 th edition	Churchill Livingstone	978-0323847704	Yes	
Japp & Robertson	Macleod's Clinical Diagnosis, 3 rd edition	Elsevier	9780443125058	Yes	Pbk (9780443125034) costs £32.99. The University Library will have the eBook on the Clinical Key website

Rang & Dale	Pharmacology, 10 th edition	Elsevier	9780323873956	Yes	https://www.clinicalkey.com/student/content/toc/3- s2.0-C20200033281
Rubin	Rubin's Pathology: Clinicopathologic Foundations of Medicine, 8 th Edition	Lippincott Williams and Wilkins	9781496386144	Yes	https://premiumbasicsciences-lwwhealthlibrary- com.ezproxy.st- andrews.ac.uk/book.aspx?bookid=2766
Gillespie & Bamford	Medical Microbiology and Infection at a Glance, 5th edition (ebook is still 4 th edition)	Wiley-Blackwell	9781119592167	Yes	https://www-r2library-com.ezproxy.st- andrews.ac.uk/Resource/Title/111959216X
Lloyd & Bor	Communication Skills for Medicine, 4 th edition	Churchill Livingstone	9978 0702072130	Yes	
Krebs et al	Neuroscience (Lippincott's Illustrated Reviews Series), 2 nd edition	Lippincott and Williams	9781496367891	Yes	
Sommerville, Kumaran & Anderson	Public Health and Epidemiology at a Glance, 2 nd edition ¹	Wiley-Blackwell	978 1118999325	Yes	
Carr	Unlocking Medical Law and Ethics 2 nd edition (Unlocking the Law) – ebook recommended	Routledge	978 1138015883	Yes	
Greenhalgh	How to read a paper 7 th edition	Wiley-Blackwell	9781394206902	Yes	
Deborah Bowman	The Worried Student's Guide to Medical Ethics and Law	BPP Learning Media	9781445379494	Yes	