

PREFACE.

In the following pages an effort has been made to epitomize, for the use of students the various physical methods employed in the diagnosis of a medical case, and to as far as possible explain the origin and clinical significance of those described. The subject has been approached from a practical standpoint, the chronological order adopted being that employed in the actual examination of patients, special stress being laid on "Inspection", for which, however, the author feels no apology is needed. The "Appendix" was added merely to aid the student in following out the ordinary laboratory technic, only those methods being described which are in daily use in the routine examinations required by the clinicians of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

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