Robert M. Doroghazi, MD ’77, and Dan W. French, PhD
Humana Press, 2005

This guide to investing is tailored to the needs of medical students and physicians. It offers advice on how health professionals can manage and invest money. The guide covers all aspects of investing and financial planning, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds and real estate. It includes information on retirement planning and funding children’s education. Doroghazi is a specialist with Missouri Cardiovascular Specialists in Columbia, Mo.

Exploring the Thalamus and its Role in Cortical Function, 2nd ed.
S. Murray Sherman, PhD, and R.W. Guillery, PhD
MIT Press, 2005

The authors of this second edition challenge readers to rethink current assumptions about the cortex and its interactions with the rest of the brain. They present a counter approach to the dominant “corticocentric” way of understanding the cerebral cortex, which does not acknowledge the influence of the thalamus on neocortical areas as well as lower motor centers. In this edition, Sherman and Guillery include a new chapter that suggests perception and action have a structural link in the brain, an observation often overlooked in current understanding of perceptual processing. Co-author Sherman is professor and chairman of neurobiology, pharmacology and physiology at the University of Chicago.

Symptom to Diagnosis
Diane Altkorn, MD ’82, Adam Cifu, MD, and Scott Stern, MD ’84
McGraw-Hill Medical, 2005

This textbook offers a step-by-step process for evaluating a patient’s clinical complaints, diagnosing and establishing a treatment regimen. Medical students may find it helpful in making appropriate judgments about diagnosis and treatment and in prescribing optimal therapies. It also includes diagnosis tables and treatment decision-making flow charts, as well as chapters on specific ailments ranging from abdominal pain to wheezing and stridor.

Managing Failed Anti-Reflux Therapy
Mark K. Ferguson, MD ’77, and M. Brian Fennerty, MD, eds.
Springer, 2006

Written for any physician who treats patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease, this multi-authored work covers standard and new therapeutic options, touching on the pathophysiology of the disease, appropriate medical management and indications for the performance of surgical and endoscopic procedures. Topics include tissue susceptibility, cyclical changes in the lower esophageal sphincter tone and the roles of bile and digestive enzymes. The text offers information on newer endoscopic treatments, including Endocinch and Stretta. It also examines injection of bulking agents along with surgical remedies. Ferguson is professor of surgery at the University of Chicago.

Children in Medical Research: Access versus Protection
Lainie Friedman Ross, MD, PhD
Oxford University Press, 2006

Ross presents a critical investigation of policy development governing the involvement of children in medical research. She examines the shift in focus from protection of medical research subjects to the current emphasis of access assuming a greater precedence. Ross explores infamous studies as evidence that before the policy shift, protection for the most vulnerable groups was not always adequate. She also examines the validity and fairness of the safeguards and she offers specific recommendations to modify current policies and guidelines. Ross is an associate professor of pediatrics and associate director for the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago.