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Presents a complex topic in a simple, easy-to-understand way Pocket Guide: Pharmacokinetics Made Easy is the latest update of the popular Pharmacokinetics Made Easy. It is suitable for a wide audience including medical practitioners, health professionals, and students. The individual chapters were initially published as a series of articles in Australian Prescriber to assist practitioners in drug dosing and therapy. The physiological approach herein adopted addresses clinical issues in drug therapy and makes them directly applicable to practice situations. Key Selling Features: - Self-assessment questions in each chapter - Glossary of symbols - Use of equations to explain physiological factors underlying important pharmacokinetics processes - Endorsed and co-published with Australian Prescriber - List of key points summarizing the content to improve accessibility and understanding

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A compilation of current scientific knowledge about psychoactive herbal drugs. Virtually all cultures consume drugs from psychoactive plants. Caffeine, for example, is probably the most common stimulant in the world, and many modern medicines, such as morphine and codeine, are derived from plant sources. In these cases, scientific research has revealed the composition of the plants and how they interact with the

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nervous system. There are also many herbal medications with reputed therapeutic value that have not yet gained acceptance into mainstream medicine, partly because there has not been enough research to support their usefulness. Instead they are regarded as "alternative medicines." This is an active research area, however, and many current studies are focusing on identifying the active components, pharmacological properties, physiological effects, and clinical efficacy of herbal medicines. This book compiles and integrates the most up-to-date information on the major psychoactive herbal medicines—that is, herbal medicines that alter mind, brain, and behavior. It focuses particularly on the effects on various areas of cognition, including attention, learning, and memory. The book covers all major classes of psychoactive drugs, including stimulants, cognitive enhancers, sedatives and anxiolytics, psychotherapeutic herbs, analgesics and anesthetic plants, hallucinogens, and cannabis.

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Handbook of Drug-Nutrient Interactions, Second Edition is an essential new work that provides a scientific look behind many drug-nutrient interactions, examines their relevance, offers recommendations, and suggests research questions to be explored. In the five years since publication of the first edition of the Handbook of Drug-Nutrient Interactions new perspectives have emerged and new data have been generated on the subject matter. Providing both the scientific basis and clinical relevance with

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appropriate recommendations for many interactions, the topic of drug-nutrient interactions is significant for clinicians and researchers alike. For clinicians in particular, the book offers a guide for understanding, identifying or predicting, and ultimately preventing or managing drug-nutrient interactions to optimize patient care. Divided into six sections all chapters have been revised or are new to this edition. Chapters balance the most technical information with practical discussions and include outlines that reflect the content; discussion questions that can guide the reader to the critical areas covered in each chapter, complete definitions of terms with the abbreviation fully defined and consistent use of terms between chapters. The editors have performed an outstanding service to clinical pharmacology and pharmaco-nutrition by bringing together a multi-disciplinary group of authors. Handbook of Drug-Nutrient Interactions, Second Edition is a comprehensive up-to-date text for the total management of patients on drug and/or nutrition therapy but also an insight into the recent developments in drug-nutrition interactions which will act as a reliable reference for clinicians and students for many years to come.

This book is the definitive guide for oncologists, general medical practitioners and other healthcare professionals with an interest in integrative oncology. Guiding you on how to conduct the “ultimate consultation” from an integrative medicine perspective, this text is a valuable educational tool, presenting the latest evidence-based approaches to managing the cancer patient, as well as anecdotes and practical recommendations

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from Dr. Sali's decades of clinical experience as a leading expert in integrative oncology. Topics include the role of mind-body medicine in cancer, stress reduction, diet, sleep, sunshine and Vitamin D, exercise, vitamins and other supplements, supportive complementary medicines including Chinese herbal medicine and acupuncture, and innovative investigative and treatment technologies. Written by two clinicians who are also educators and researchers, *A Clinician's Guide to Integrative Oncology* provides practical, evidence-based information and patient advice that clinicians can put into practice immediately.

Building on the strengths of previous editions, the Sixth Edition of *Modern Pharmacology with Clinical Applications* continues to provide an up-to-date and comprehensive textbook for students of pharmacology. Focusing on the clinical application of drugs within a context of the major principles of pharmacology, this text supplies both students and faculty with an introduction to modern pharmacotherapeutics.

Publisher's Note: Products purchased from Third Party sellers are not guaranteed by the publisher for quality, authenticity, or access to any online entitlements included with the product. Pocket-sized, engaging, and fully comprehensive, this illustrated guide provides the critical drug information readers need—when and where they need them. Portable and reliable, *Pharmacotherapy Handbook, Eleventh Edition* delivers quick-access answers in any clinical setting. Whether you're a student, pharmacist, and

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hospital administrator, it offers a thorough understanding about what drugs are used in various situations, and why. The text delivers both the key points pharmacists needs to know in practice and the information students studying for the boards needs to pass. With JNC-VI guidelines—the standard for drug therapy and pharmaceutical care—it facilitates fast and easy access to answers, and all text will appear on AccessPharmacy for the first time

This comprehensive, first-of-its kind title is an indispensable resource for pharmacists looking to learn or improve crucial patient assessment skills relevant to all pharmacy practice settings. Pharmacists' role as health care practitioners is evolving as they are taking a more active part in primary patient care -- helping patients manage their medications and diseases, providing patient education, and, in some jurisdictions, prescribing and adapting medications. To perform their day-to-day duties, pharmacists are best-served using a framework called the patient care process. This framework involves three steps: patient assessment; care plan development and implementation; and monitoring and follow up. Organized in four parts, this practical book begins with introductory chapters regarding the basics of patient assessment and the patient care process. Part II includes a detailed assessment of common symptoms encountered by pharmacists. Part III discusses assessment of patients with various chronic

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illnesses. Part IV addresses select specialized topics and assessment considerations. An invaluable contribution to the literature, *Patient Assessment in Clinical Pharmacy: A Comprehensive Guide* will be of great benefit to pharmacists, regardless of their practice setting, and to pharmacy students as well.

Based on interviews with scientists and corporate executives in the nation's most powerful pharmaceutical companies, this probing look at the state of the nation's health in the midst of a pharmaceutical revolution concludes that America's love affair with drugs is radically transforming the nation, beginning with the youngest generation. Reprint.

*Pharmacokinetics Made Easy* presents a complex subject in a simple, easy-to-understand manner. It is suitable for a wide audience including medical practitioners, health professionals and students. The individual chapters were initially published as a series of articles in *Australian Prescriber* to assist practitioners in drug dosing and therapy.

*Just Say Know* covers everything you need to know about drugs, including the checkered history of many drugs, why we choose to ban some yet promote others, and the challenges that society faces if we want to reduce harm.

If you understand how drugs work (pharmacodynamics), how they are handled

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by the body (pharmacokinetics), how they interact with each other, and how drug treatments are assessed, then you will become a better prescriber. A Textbook of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics gives you that understanding. Fully revised throughout and extensively illustrated, the fifth edition of this well-established textbook has been streamlined to focus on what medical students and junior doctors really need to know in order to understand the implications of prescribing one drug over, or in combination with, another. The text provides current information on all areas of drug prescribing with updated discussion and guidance on such topics as adverse drug reactions, 'personalized medicine', gene and cell-based therapy, advances in cancer therapy, and mechanisms of drug action and treatment guidelines in HIV and mycobacterial infections therapy. A new chapter on alternative medicines and nutraceuticals has been introduced and Further Reading lists have been updated to include key medical websites. All medical students and junior doctors who read this book will learn not only how to use drugs safely and effectively, but, importantly, the rationale behind effective prescribing decisions.

Parkinson's disease (PD) is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the world. Still the only major text on the subject, the completely revised and updated second edition of Parkinson's Disease: Diagnosis and

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Clinical Management comes at a time when specialists have made important advances in our understanding of the etiology, pathogenesis, investigation, and management of Parkinson's disease. The book includes 23 completely new chapters, and has updated information on: Genetics Pathology Biomarkers Pathogenesis Impulse control disorders in Parkinson's disease Updated outcome measures Complementary and alternative medicine for the treatment of Parkinson's disease Together the chapters form a comprehensive review of the many issues facing PD physicians today. Lucid and easily readable from beginning to end, each chapter may also stand on its own as a scholarly review of the individual subject. Each one is concisely written and heavily referenced for this purpose. The second edition of Parkinson's Disease: Diagnosis and Clinical Management provides a state-of-the-art review of where we've been, where we are now, and where we are going in treating this disease.

For courses in Introductory Statistics Real-world applications connect statistical concepts to everyday life. Biostatistics for the Biological and Health Sciences uses a variety of real-world applications to bring statistical theories and methods to life. Through these examples and a friendly writing style, the 2nd Edition ensures that you understand concepts and develop skills in critical thinking, technology, and communication. The result of collaboration between a biological

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sciences expert and the author of the #1 statistics book in the country, *Biostatistics for the Biological and Health Sciences* provides an excellent introduction to statistics for readers interested in the biological, life, medical, and health sciences. Also available with MyLab Statistics MyLab(tm) Statistics is an online homework, tutorial, and assessment program designed to work with this text to engage students and improve results. Within its structured environment, students practice what they learn, test their understanding, and pursue a personalized study plan that helps them absorb course material and understand difficult concepts. Note: You are purchasing a standalone product; MyLab(tm) does not come packaged with this content. Students, if interested in purchasing this title with MyLab, ask your instructor for the correct package ISBN and Course ID. Instructors, contact your Pearson representative for more information. If you would like to purchase both the physical text and MyLab, search for: 0134768345 / 9780134768342 *Biostatistics for the Biological and Health Sciences Plus MyLab Statistics with Pearson eText -- Title-Specific Access Card Package, 2/e Package* consists of: 0134039017 / 9780134039015 *Biostatistics for the Biological and Health Sciences* 0134748875 / 9780134748870 *MyLab Statistics with Pearson eText -- Standalone Access Card -- for Biostatistics for the Biological and Health Sciences*

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Updated with the latest clinical advances, Rowland and Tozer's Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics, Fifth Edition , explains the relationship between drug administration and drug response, taking a conceptual approach that emphasizes clinical application rather than science and mathematics. Bringing a real-life perspective to the topic, the book simplifies concepts and gives readers the knowledge they need to better evaluate drug applications.

The Majority Of Clinical Pharmacy Textbooks Focus On Disease States And Applied Therapeutics. This Book Is Different. It Aims To Provide Readers With A Comprehensive Description Of The Concepts And Skills That Are The Foundation For Current Clinical Pharmacy Practice. It Seeks To Answer The Question How Do Clinical Pharmacists Practice? Rather Than What Do Clinical Pharmacists Need To Know About Drugs And Therapeutics? The Book Is Divided Into Three Sections, And Each Chapter Is Self-Contained And Can Be Read Independently. Section I Provides An Overview Of The Current Status Of Clinical Pharmacy Practice In India And Other Countries. Section Ii Includes Chapters On The Key Concepts, Skills And Competencies Required For Effective Clinical Practice. Section Iii Covers Topics Of Interest To Graduate And Postgraduate Students, And More Experienced Clinical Pharmacists And Researchers. This Book Will Be Useful For All Students Of Pharmacy And Pharmacists Working In Hospital Pharmacy, Community Pharmacy, Drug Or

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Medical Information, Clinical Research, Government And Nongovernment Organisations, Teaching And Research.

The Dentist's Drug and Prescription Guide is written for dental professionals seeking quick advice on prescribing medications for their patients. Using an easy to read question-and-answer format, the text describes evidenced based pharmacologic therapy with current and up-to-date references regarding adjunctive pharmacologic treatment of the dental patient. Drug therapy for each dental discipline including periodontics, implantology, oral surgery, and endodontics is included, with recommendations for pharmacologic treatment with periodontal and implant surgery as well as treatment of periodontal diseases, dental pain, and infections.

This book discusses cancers and the resurgence of public interest in plant-based and herbal drugs. It also describes ways of obtaining anti-cancer drugs from plants and improving their production using biotechnological techniques. It presents methods such as cell culture, shoot and root culture, hairy root culture, purification of plant raw materials, genetic engineering, optimization of culture conditions as well as metabolic engineering with examples of successes like taxol, shikonin, ingenol mebutate and podophylotoxin. In addition, it describes the applications and limitations of large-scale production of anti-cancer compounds using biotechnological means. Lastly, it discusses future economical and eco-friendly strategies for obtaining anti-cancer compounds using biotechnology.

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INTEGRATED PHARMACOLOGY, 2ND EDITION takes a unique approach to pharmacology, considering drugs in the context of the diseases they are used to treat -- all within a body system framework. Drug action is clearly explained at the molecular, cellular, tissue, and organ levels. The basic principles underlying pharmacology are presented, providing a strong foundation for the system-based chapters that follow. Each body system chapter addresses the common diseases affecting a system before comprehensively discussing the drug classes and specific drugs used to treat the diseases. A superb, full-color illustration program helps the reader understand the complex ways in which modern drugs are used to treat diseases. The smart way to study! Elsevier titles with STUDENT CONSULT will help you master difficult concepts and study more efficiently in print and online! Perform rapid searches. Integrate bonus content from other disciplines. Download text to your handheld device. And a lot more. Each STUDENT CONSULT title comes with full text online, a unique image library, case studies, USMLE style questions, and online note-taking to enhance your learning experience. Your purchase of this book entitles you to access [www.studentconsult.com](http://www.studentconsult.com) at no extra charge. This innovative web site offers you... Access to the complete text and illustrations of this book. Integration links to bonus content in other STUDENT CONSULT titles. Content clipping for your handheld. An interactive community center with a wealth of additional resources. The more STUDENT CONSULT titles you buy, the more resources you can access online! Look for the STUDENT CONSULT logo on

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your favorite Elsevier textbooks! New chapter on herbs Expanded content on drug action and drug kinetics. Restructure of contents to make book more user friendly The voluminous literature on prostaglandins includes some excellent reviews. For some time however, there has been a need for the collection in one volume of information from individual experts actively engaged in different aspects of prostaglandin research. This book is an attempt to fulfil that need. In view of the expanding interest and ever-growing accumulation of data of the various effects of prostaglandins it is hoped to revise the book and bring it up-to-date periodically. The largest section is that on reproduction, in which field progress in research and clinical applications thereof have been, and are, of great significance particularly in the area of population control. This is not to decry the skill and efforts of investigators in other aspects of prostaglandin activity nor the potential biological or therapeutic importance of their findings. In this context, what may appear to be omissions are individual sections on prostaglandin activity in the central nervous system, in the eye and as mediators of the inflammatory response. These are considered in the chapter on General Pharmacology of the Prostaglandins not because they might be considered to be of lesser impact and significance but in order to achieve a rapid publication of the book. S. M. M. KARIM Kampala, Uganda. January 1972. Acknowledgements Tables and Figures previously published are, in general, acknowledged by the reference in the legends and I am grateful to the authors, editors and publishers for their permission.

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This book provides a vivid account of the evolution of the Australian continent over the last 4400 million years.

Of the thousands of novel compounds that a drug discovery project team invents and that bind to the therapeutic target, typically only a fraction of these have sufficient ADME/Tox properties to become a drug product. Understanding ADME/Tox is critical for all drug researchers, owing to its increasing importance in advancing high quality candidates to clinical studies and the processes of drug discovery. If the properties are weak, the candidate will have a high risk of failure or be less desirable as a drug product. This book is a tool and resource for scientists engaged in, or preparing for, the selection and optimization process. The authors describe how properties affect in vivo pharmacological activity and impact in vitro assays. Individual drug-like properties are discussed from a practical point of view, such as solubility, permeability and metabolic stability, with regard to fundamental understanding, applications of property data in drug discovery and examples of structural modifications that have achieved improved property performance. The authors also review various methods for the screening (high throughput), diagnosis (medium throughput) and in-depth (low throughput) analysis of drug properties. \* Serves as an essential working handbook aimed at scientists and students in medicinal chemistry \* Provides practical, step-by-step guidance on property fundamentals, effects, structure-property relationships, and structure modification strategies \* Discusses improvements in pharmacokinetics from a practical chemist's

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standpoint

This version is now out of print. An edition with e-book is available under ISBN 97880702041365. Psychiatric Drugs Explained contains a clear and comprehensive guide to the uses, benefits and impact of psychotropic drugs. It explains how people taking the drugs experience their side effects compared to the benefits they may bring. The fifth edition has been fully revised and updated to include the latest thinking on the rationale for drug treatments to help mental health professionals and service users understand therapeutic decision making. \* Organized by disorder \* Comprehensive review of drug effects, action and side-effects \* 'User issues' boxes to highlight particular problems experienced \* Website addresses to allow searching for further information \* Questionnaires to help assess side effects Information on: \* New antipsychotic drugs and metabolic complications \* New antidepressants \* How drugs and therapies such as cognitive behavioural therapy interact and compete \* Drugs that affect sexual functioning \* Evidence-based medicine

Stockley's Drug Interactions, now fully revised and revalidated, remains the world's most comprehensive and authoritative reference book on drug interactions and provides the busy healthcare professional with quick and easy access to clinically relevant, evaluated and evidence-based information on drug interactions. Contains detailed yet concise monographs: covers interactions between therapeutic drugs, proprietary medicines, herbal medicines, foods, drinks, pesticides and drugs of abuse;

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based on published sources and fully referenced; provides comprehensive details of the clinical evidence for the interactions under discussion, an assessment of their clinical importance and gives clear guidance on how to manage the interaction in practice; contains over 3,400 monographs; New drugs launched in the last two years added - including drugs such as fesoterodine, several monoclonal antibodies, new antidiabetics (e.g. sitagliptin) new antineoplastics (e.g. dasatinib) and new immunosuppressants (e.g. temsirolimus); updated information on seasonal flu vaccines and antivirals, including all available information on possible interactions with concurrent medication; increased commentary on the involvement of newer mechanisms in drug interactions, such as drug transporter proteins, and other genetic factors that affect the ability of individuals to metabolise medicines.

Drug therapy is an increasingly important element in the treatment of patients, and understanding how a drug works is essential for all nurses. Illustrated Pharmacology for Nurses is a fully comprehensive and beautifully illustrated textbook covering both the basic principles and the clinical aspects of pharmacology. The book provides clear and simple explanations of the way drugs act, looking at their effects and their use in a range of situations. Combining the basic and clinical aspects of pharmacology in one concise volume, it is an invaluable learning tool for nursing, biomedical and clinical science students.

Chemical Drug Design provides a compact overview on recent advances in this rapidly

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developing field. With contributions on in silico drug design, natural product based compounds, as well as on ligand- and structure-based approaches, the authors present innovative methods and techniques for identifying and synthetically designing novel drugs.

Though recent breakthroughs in research advance care with each day, the population of HIV-infected individuals continues to grow globally, leaving them particularly susceptible to additional STDs that are complicated by their immunocompromised state. This text is the only book to provide a comprehensive and state-of-the-art review of issues relevant to STI care in the HIV-infected adult, adolescent, and transgendered populations. Written by experts in the field, HIV in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents approaches these unique needs through its review of sexual history, synergies between STIs and HIV, epidemiology, issues specific for HIV-infected individuals, clinical presentation, diagnosis and management considerations for ten common STIs, and prevention strategies. Each topic includes a case-based presentation and the most current CDC-recommended STI treatment regimens. Sexually Transmitted Infections in HIV-Infected Adults and Special Populations is the ultimate resource for any physician treating adults and special populations with HIV, including HIV clinicians, sexual health specialists, general internists, family medicine practitioners, infectious diseases specialists, advanced practice clinicians, and physicians.

The breadth of the pharmaceutical medicine can be daunting, but this book is designed

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to navigate a path through the speciality. Providing a broad overview of all topics relevant to the discipline of pharmaceutical medicine, it gives you the facts fast, in a user-friendly format, without having to dive through page upon page of dense text. With 136 chapters spread across 8 sections, the text offers a thorough grounding in issues ranging from medicines regulation to clinical trial design and data management. This makes it a useful revision aid for exams as well as giving you a taster of areas of pharmaceutical medicine adjacent to your current role. For healthcare professionals already working in the field, this book offers a guiding hand in difficult situations as well as supplying rapid access to the latest recommendations and guidelines. Written by authors with experience in the industry and drug regulation, this comprehensive and authoritative guide provides a shoulder to lean on throughout your pharmaceutical career.

This is an inclusive reference exploring the scientific basis and practice of drug therapy. The key concept is to look at the balance between the benefits and risks of drugs but in this context also the social impact which drugs have in modern societies is highlighted. Taking an evidence-based approach to the problem, the practice of clinical pharmacology and pharmacotherapy in the developing as well as the developed world is examined. For this purpose the book \* Covers general clinical pharmacology, pharmacology of various drug groups and the treatments specific to various diseases \* Gives guidance on how doctors should act so that drugs can be used effectively and

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safely \* Encourages the rational use of drugs in society This book brings together a large amount of excellent content that will be invaluable for anyone working within, or associated with, the field of clinical pharmacology and pharmacotherapy - undergraduates, postgraduates, regulatory authorities and the pharmaceutical industry. This volume provides an introduction to medicinal chemistry. It covers basic principles and background, and describes the general tactics and strategies involved in developing an effective drug.

"Pharmacology for Health Professionals provides a comprehensive introduction to important pharmacology principles and concepts, with a strong focus on therapeutics."

"The text has been extensively updated to reflect the latest information on the clinical use of drugs, local aspects of scheduling, drug legislation and ethics." -- Book Jacket.

Every day veterinarians in practice are asked to treat pets exhibiting problem behaviors. In the last several years pharmacologic treatments of behavior have made significant advances and can serve as a critical part of therapy. Veterinary Psychopharmacology is a complete source of current knowledge on the subject of pharmacologic behavior modification that veterinarians can turn to for the answers they need. Classification of disorders is eschewed in favor of in-depth explanations of pharmacologic options in inducing behavior changes. Special emphasis is given to explaining the underlying mechanism of pharmacologic agents used in therapy; thus, veterinarians will know not only which drugs to prescribe but why they should be prescribed and how they work. Veterinary behaviorists, their students and residents, veterinary practitioners of all levels, and veterinary students will find this book invaluable in providing

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information about their patients' behavior problems and the psychoactive medications that might help them.

Early Years Nutrition and Healthy Weight focuses on the early years of childhood as a key period in which eating and exercise habits are formed. Combining current evidence with practical advice, an international group of health specialists advise on the avoidance and management of childhood obesity. They look at key risk areas such as early sedentary behaviour, parental influences and underlying medical causes, and also investigate practical interventions including advice during pregnancy, parenting strategies, and prevention during pre-school and the early school years. This practical handbook contains vital information and advice for all nutritionists and dietitians working with young children and families. It will also be a valuable text for health visitors, paediatricians and general practitioners, and students of nutrition and dietetics specialising in paediatric nutrition. Key features: Only practitioner handbook dedicated to the early years of childhood as the key to ensuring healthy weight in later life Covers pregnancy through to pre-school and early school years interventions Also addresses the social and psychological issues that underpin nutritional problems International group of expert authors consider the issue across the developed world Case studies in each chapter illustrate the application of theory to practice

Now in its second edition, this highly successful guide to safe prescribing of the most common classes of drugs is your starting point for safe and effective practice. The first edition was a direct response to requests from students for a compendium of the 100 most important drugs in the NHS. Research led by Professor Emma Baker identified the 'top 100 drugs' by their importance and prescribing frequency. The top 100 drugs and the five most important

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intravenous fluids are presented using a clear, consistent layout across double-page spreads. Drugs are arranged alphabetically and also listed by organ system and clinical indication, providing multiple pathways into the information. Clinical pharmacology is discussed under the headings: common indications; mechanisms of action; important adverse effects; warnings; and important interactions. Practical prescribing is discussed under the headings: prescription; administration; communication; monitoring; and cost. A clinical tip is presented for every drug. Single-best-answer questions are provided for self-assessment and to show how information from several drugs may be integrated.

Designing Clinical Research sets the standard for providing a practical guide to planning, tabulating, formulating, and implementing clinical research, with an easy-to-read, uncomplicated presentation. This edition incorporates current research methodology—including molecular and genetic clinical research—and offers an updated syllabus for conducting a clinical research workshop. Emphasis is on common sense as the main ingredient of good science. The book explains how to choose well-focused research questions and details the steps through all the elements of study design, data collection, quality assurance, and basic grant-writing. All chapters have been thoroughly revised, updated, and made more user-friendly. Representing a state-of-the-art appraisal of this viral infection and its complications, this book comprises contributions from international authorities in infectious diseases, varicella-zoster virus infections, and neuropathic pain. Important new information is presented on the role of the virus in terms of vascular risk, notably in heart attack, stroke and granulomatous angiitis (temporal arteritis). Similarly, new information on gastrointestinal involvement, often in the absence of rash and as seen with vasculopathies, is covered. The reader will benefit from new

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research into the pathology, pathophysiology and treatment of postherpetic neuralgia and its complications, and special attention is paid to prevention through zoster vaccination using the current zoster vaccine, and a novel, broader option that can be used in immunocompromised patients. This book follows the two editions of the book, Herpes Zoster and Postherpetic Neuralgia, and is divided into sections for the convenience of the reader. A section on herpes zoster includes epidemiology and natural history of the varicella zoster virus, herpes zoster ophthalmicus, neurological complications, the role of varicella zoster virus in giant cell arteritis, concern about increased vascular risk of heart attack and stroke, antiviral therapy, and treatment of skin manifestations. A section on postherpetic neuralgia includes important information on the effect of herpes zoster and postherpetic neuralgia on quality of life, the neuropathology and pathophysiological mechanisms in postherpetic neuralgia, and the new concept of persistent ganglionitis as the cause of postherpetic neuralgia. A comparison is made between facial postherpetic neuralgia and trigeminal neuralgia. There is an extensive section on treatment, including the role of opioids, the general treatment of postherpetic neuralgia, intervention and neurosurgical approaches, and covering guidelines for clinical trial designs in postherpetic neuralgia. A final section addresses the questions of whether aggressive treatment of acute herpes zoster can prevent postherpetic neuralgia and includes a critically important chapter on herpes zoster vaccines.

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