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Diabetes has become a worldwide health problem, the global estimated prevalence approaches ten percent and the burden of this disease in terms of morbidity and mortality is unprecedented. The advances acquired through the knowledge of the mechanisms of the disease and the variety of therapeutic approaches contrast with the inability of private and public health systems in underdeveloped and even developed countries to achieve the goals of treatment. This paradox has been described in many sources: the surge of scientific advances contrast with an unprecedented amount of human suffering. Thus, a patient centered and an evidence based approach with the capacity to produce measurable clinical and economic outcomes is required. The purpose of this textbook is multiple: to offer a comprehensive resource covering all aspects of outpatient management; to address diabetes as a health problem from an epidemiological, economic and clinical perspective; to discuss the role of social determinants of health on the worldwide increase in diabetes; to highlight the challenges and obstacles in providing adequate care; and to outline a multidisciplinary approach to management in which medical visits retain their importance as part of a team comprising the patient, his or her family and a multidisciplinary group of health professionals who are able to move beyond the traditional approach of diabetes as a disease and greatly

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improve outcomes.

Enhancing Medication Adherence: The Public Health Dilemma is a comprehensive guide to medication adherence for the healthcare professional. Clinicians and pharmacists alike can benefit from key opinion leader and author Hayden Bosworth's text as he explains the details and causes behind medication nonadherence as well as methods on how healthcare providers can determine if a patient is nonadherent. Additionally, Bosworth discusses various studies, which assess adherence, adherence-related technology, best practices for clinicians and pharmacists, and future directions and recommendations in the field.

This book offers a comprehensive overview to chronic illness care, which is the coordinated, comprehensive, and sustained response to chronic diseases and conditions by a range of health care providers, formal and informal caregivers, healthcare systems, and community-based resources. Using an ecological framework, which looks at the interdependent influences between individuals and their larger environment, this unique text examines chronic illness care at multiple levels and includes sections on the individual influences on chronic illness, the role of family and social networks, and how chronic care is provided across the spectrum of health care settings; from home to clinic to the emergency department to hospital and residential care facilities. The book describes the organizational frameworks and strategies that are needed to provide quality care for chronically ill patients, including behavioral health, care management, transitions of care,

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and health information technology. The book also addresses the changing workforce needs in health care, and the fiscal models and policies that will be required to meet the needs of this population, with a focus on sustaining the ongoing transformation in health care. This book acts as a major reference for practitioners and students in medicine, nursing, social work, allied health, and behavioral medicine, as well as stakeholders in public health, health policy, and population health. The diagnosis and treatment of disease is a primary concern for health professionals and all of society. With the growing use of alternative medicine, patients can receive a wider scope of potential treatment options. *Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Kidney Health* provides a thorough examination on the application of alternative medicine in conventional hospital settings with a focus on kidney diseases. Including a range of academic perspectives on topics such as decision management, herbal-drug reactions, and chronic illnesses, this book is an ideal reference source for medical practitioners, professionals, students, researchers, and nurses interested in scientific evidence on the benefits of complementary and alternative medicine.

In this book, you'll find the latest updates about the current use of anticoagulants in medical practice. This includes clinical pharmacotherapy, laboratory monitoring, and antidotes. You'll also find a special focus on heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, including various mechanisms and presentations. Finally, you'll find important details that will help you to understand what

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patients receiving anticoagulants know about these drugs and how to improve their quality of life.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISSERTATION A Psychometric Analysis of Patient-Reported Outcomes in Chronic Kidney Disease by John Devin Peipert Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health University of California, Los Angeles, 2017 Professor Donald Morisky, Chair

Background: Survival is a critical outcome in chronic kidney disease (CKD), but it provides a limited view of how well patients are doing. Many aspects of patients' health can only be obtained by patient reported measures (PRMs), such as health-related quality of life (HRQOL). This dissertation examines the psychometric properties of currently used PRMs in chronic kidney disease (CKD) and make recommendations for how collection and reporting of PRMs can be systematized in the CKD field. Methods: This dissertation used data from three separate sources, each containing kidney patients' responses to PRMs: treatment decision-making, medication adherence, and HRQOL. The treatment decision-making PRMs examined include patients' Decisional Balance (perceived Pros and Cons) and Self-Efficacy to pursue both living and deceased donor kidney transplant (LDKT, DDKT; 6 measures in total). The 8-item Morisky Medication Adherence Scale (MMAS-8) was examined as a measure of medication adherence. Finally, the Kidney Disease Quality of Life (KDQOL)-36 was examined as a measure of HRQOL. For each measure, internal consistency reliability was estimated. Dimensional structure was examined with exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis (EFA, CFA) and item-

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scale correlations, corrected for item overlap. To determine the dimensionality suggested by the exploratory factor analysis, several criteria were used, including the scree "elbow" test, parallel analysis, and the Tucker-Lewis reliability coefficient. For CFA models, model fit was determined with the Satorra-Bentler chi-square, the comparative fit index (CFI), Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) and root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA). Good model fit is evidenced by a non-significant Satorra-Bentler chi-square, CFI and TLI values of above 0.95, and RMSEA of 0.06 or less. Next, the measurement invariance for each measure was examined between Black and White patients. Finally, recommendations for improvements to each measure were made, including calculations to determine the number of items needed to achieve good (>0.80) and excellent (>0.90) reliability (reliability of >0.70 is considered adequate). Generally, excellent reliability is required for use with individuals. Summary of Results: For both the LDKT and DDKT Pros and Cons measures, 2 correlated factors CFA models fit the data well, verifying the original dimensional structures for these measures. Additionally, the LDKT and DDKT Self-Efficacy measures were supported by single factor CFA models, also supporting their original dimensional structure. However, several of these scales only evidenced adequate internal consistency reliability (LDKT Pros, LDKT Cons, DDKT Cons). These scales would require the addition of up to 15-17 parallel items to achieve excellent reliability (>0.90). Regarding the MMAS-8, the original factor structure was not supported

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by EFA and CFA models. One item, "Did you take your medicine yesterday?," was weakly correlated ( $r=0.243$ ) with the others, and did not load highly (

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Encyclopedia of Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Pharmacy covers definitions, concepts, methods, theories and applications of clinical pharmacy and pharmacy practice. It highlights why and how this field has a significant impact on healthcare. The work brings baseline knowledge, along with the latest, most cutting-edge research. In addition, new treatments, algorithms, standard treatment guidelines, and pharmacotherapies regarding diseases and disorders are also covered. The book's main focus lies on the pharmacy practice side, covering pharmacy practice research, pharmacovigilance, pharmacoconomics, social and administrative pharmacy, public health pharmacy, pharmaceutical systems research, the future of pharmacy, and new interventional models of

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pharmaceutical care. By providing concise expositions on a broad range of topics, this book is an excellent resource for those seeking information beyond their specific areas of expertise. This outstanding reference is essential for anyone involved in the study of pharmacy practice. Provides a 'one-stop' resource for access to information written by world-leading scholars in the field

Meticulously organized, with articles split into three clear sections, it is the ideal resource for students, researchers and professionals to find relevant information

Contains concise and accessible chapters that are ideal as an authoritative introduction for non-specialists and readers from the undergraduate level upwards

Includes multimedia options, such as hyperlinked references and further readings, cross-references and videos

Stemming from environmental, genetic, and situational factors, chronic disease is a critical concern in modern medicine. Managing treatment and controlling symptoms is imperative to the longevity and quality of life of patients with such diseases.

**Chronic Illness and Long-Term Care: Breakthroughs in Research and Practice** features current research on the diagnosis, monitoring, management, and treatment of chronic diseases such as diabetes, Parkinson's disease, autoimmune disorders, and many more. Highlighting a range of topics such as medication management, quality-of-



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life issues, and sustainable health, this publication is an ideal reference source for hospital administrators, healthcare professionals, academicians, researchers, and graduate-level students interested in the latest research on chronic diseases and long-term care.

A new edition of this practical guide for clinicians who are developing tools to measure subjective states, attitudes, or non-tangible outcomes in their patients, suitable for those who have no knowledge of statistics.

*Social and Administrative Aspects of Pharmacy in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Present Challenges and Future Solutions* examines the particularities of low- and middle-income countries and offers solutions based on their needs, culture and available resources. Drawing from the firsthand experience of researchers and practitioners working in these countries, this book addresses the socio-behavioral aspects of pharmacy and health, pharmacoeconomics, pharmaceutical policy, supply management and marketing, pharmacoepidemiology and public health pharmacy specific to low- and middle-income countries. While some practices may be applied appropriately in disparate places, too often pharmacy practice in low- and middle-income countries is directly copied from successes in developed countries, despite the unique needs and challenges low- and middle-income countries face.

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Examines key issues and challenges of pharmacy practice and the pharmaceutical sector specific to low- and middle-income countries Compares pharmacy practice in developed and developing countries to highlight the unique challenges and opportunities of each Provides a blueprint for the future of pharmacy in low- and middle-income countries, including patient-centered care, evidence-based care and promoting the role of the pharmacist for primary health care in these settings

This book provides readers with a timely snapshot of ergonomics research and methods applied to design, development, prototyping, as well as evaluation, training and manufacturing of products, systems and services. It includes theoretical contributions, case studies, and reports on technical interventions. The book covers a wide range of topics in ergonomic design, such as ecological design, educational and game design, cultural and ethical aspects in design, user research and human-computer-interaction in design, as well as design for accessibility and extreme environments, and many others. The book gives special emphasis to new technologies such as virtual reality, state-of-the-art methodologies in information design, and human-computer interfaces. Based on the AHFE 2016 International Conference on Ergonomics in Design, held on July 27-31, 2016, in Walt Disney World®, Florida, USA, this book represents a timely guide for

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both researcher and design practitioners, including industrial designers, human-computer interaction and user experience researchers, production engineers and applied psychologists.

This book aims to address the major aspects of future drug product development and therapy for older adults, giving practical guidance for the rational product and clinical development and prescribing of drug products to this ever growing segment of the population. With authors coming from key “aging” markets such as Europe, the USA, China and Japan, the book will provide valuable information for students, scientists, regulators, practitioners, and other healthcare professionals from academia, industry and regulatory bodies.

This classic, field-defining textbook, now in its sixth edition, provides the most comprehensive guidance available for anyone needing up-to-date information in pharmacoepidemiology. This edition has been fully revised and updated throughout and continues to provide a rounded view on all perspectives from academia, industry and regulatory bodies, addressing data sources, applications and methodologies with great clarity.

This book shares the experimental findings and views in current multidisciplinary medical science combining both basic and applied research aimed at resolving problematic health issues. The key topics address contagious diseases, in particular the

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epidemiology, clinical presentation, and management of influenza and influenza-like infections as well as brain tuberculosis. Pulmonary medicine is represented by articles addressing a range of practical issues, including the diagnosis, symptoms, comorbidities, and treatment of obstructive sleep apnea, a syndrome whose incidence shows a persistent upward trend worldwide. Other articles address the pathogenesis of air pollution toxicity and allergy and sensory irritation in toxic exposure studies. An intriguing relation of atopic dermatitis to depression and serotonergic system is debated. The book attempts to integrate research into clinical work and to implement findings to improve care and to decrease suffering from diseases. It is dedicated to the practicing professionals, researchers, and all engaged in health care.

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) are the main cause of death worldwide. In addition, the incidence, prevalence, and death rates from NCDs are expected to increase in the future. No single discipline can address the issues of prevention, early detection, access to care, and appropriate treatment that are needed to improve outcomes for NCDs; this growing need will require transdisciplinary collaborations. Improving outcomes in NCDs is clearly a difficult endeavor that will require significant efforts. However, previous research and program implementation indicate that improving outcomes for NCDs is an achievable goal. Given the

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tremendous impact of NCDs on morbidity, mortality, and costs worldwide, there is little doubt that efforts to improve NCD outcomes are much needed. Recognizing the importance of new strategies and interventions addressing NCDs globally, RTI funded the projects described here to assess how the institute's range of expertise could be focused on the reduction of NCDs. The projects described in this book focus on the risk factors or treatment (or both) of one or more of the four NCDs that are responsible for the greatest impact on morbidity and mortality: cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases. The pilot projects were carried out in low- and middle-income countries, which are disproportionately affected by NCDs. The lessons learned from these initial pilot projects have great potential to be increased in their scale and reduce the devastating impact of noncommunicable diseases.

Patient-reported outcomes (PROs) are measures of how patients feel or what they are able to do in the context of their health status; PROs are reports, usually on questionnaires, about a patient's health conditions, health behaviors, or experiences with health care that individuals report directly, without modification of responses by clinicians or others; thus, they directly reflect the voice of the patient. PROs cover domains such as physical health, mental and emotional health, functioning, symptoms and symptom burden, and health behaviors. They are relevant for many activities: helping patients and their clinicians make informed decisions about health care, monitoring the progress of care,

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setting policies for coverage and reimbursement of health services, improving the quality of health care services, and tracking or reporting on the performance of health care delivery organizations. We address the major methodological issues related to choosing, administering, and using PROs for these purposes, particularly in clinical practice settings. We include a framework for best practices in selecting PROs, focusing on choosing appropriate methods and modes for administering PRO measures to accommodate patients with diverse linguistic, cultural, educational, and functional skills, understanding measures developed through both classic and modern test theory, and addressing complex issues relating to scoring and analyzing PRO data.

This issue of *Medical Clinics*, guest edited by Dr. Edward Frohlich, is devoted to Hypertension. Articles in this outstanding issue include The Kidney in Hypertension; Heart: Fibrosis, Apoptosis, and Cardiac Failure; Myocardial Ischemia; Oxidative Stress and Hypertensive Diseases; Adherence to Antihypertensive Therapy; Aging and Hypertension; Target Organs and Microbiological Considerations in Hypertensive Diseases; Obesity and Sodium Considerations; Diabetes, Hypertension and Cardiorenal Syndrome; Renal Arterial Disease; Cardiac Transplantation and Hypertensive Diseases; Cardiac Failure: Old and New Challenges; Diastolic Dysfunction and Hypertension; Stiffening of Large Arteries; Genetics and Mechanisms; New Guidelines for Hypertensive Diseases; and Local Renin Angiotensin Systems.

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Against a global backdrop of problematic adherence to medical treatment, this volume addresses and provides practical solutions to the simple question: “Why don’t patients take treatments that could save their lives?” The Wiley handbook of Healthcare Treatment Engagement offers a guide to the theory, research and clinical practice of promoting patient engagement in healthcare treatment at individual, organizational and systems levels. The concept of treatment engagement, as explained within the text, promotes a broader view than the related concept of treatment adherence. Treatment engagement encompasses more readily the lifestyle factors which may impact healthcare outcomes as much as medication-taking, as well as practical, economic and cultural factors which may determine access to treatment. Over a span of 32 chapters, an international panel of expert authors address this far-reaching and fascinating field, describing a broad range of evidence-based approaches which stand to improve clinical services and treatment outcomes, as well as the experience of users of healthcare service and practitioners alike. This comprehensive volume adopts an interdisciplinary approach to offer an understanding of the factors governing our healthcare systems and the motivations and behaviors of patients, clinicians and organizations. Presented in a user-friendly format for quick reference, the text first supports the reader’s understanding by exploring background topics such as the considerable impact of sub-optimal treatment adherence on healthcare outcomes, before describing practical clinical approaches to promote engagement in

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treatment, including chapters referring to specific patient populations. The text recognizes the support which may be required throughout the depth of each healthcare organization to promote patient engagement, and in the final section of the book, describes approaches to inform the development of healthcare services with which patients will be more likely to seek to engage. This important book: Provides a comprehensive summary of practical approaches developed across a wide range of clinical settings, integrating research findings and clinical literature from a variety of disciplines Introduces and compliments existing approaches to improve communication in healthcare settings and promote patient choice in planning treatment Presents a range of proven clinical solutions that will appeal to those seeking to improve outcomes on a budget Written for health professionals from all disciplines of clinical practice, as well as service planners and policy makers, The Wiley Handbook of Healthcare Treatment Engagement is a comprehensive guide for individual practitioners and organizations alike.

This in-depth book addresses a key void in the literature surrounding the Internet of Things (IoT) and health. By systematically evaluating the benefits of mobile, wireless, and sensor-based IoT technologies when used in health and wellness contexts, the book sheds light on the next frontier for healthcare delivery. These technologies generate data with significant potential to enable superior care delivery, self-empowerment, and wellness management. Collecting valuable insights and recommendations in one accessible volume, chapter



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authors identify key areas in health and wellness where IoT can be used, highlighting the benefits, barriers, and facilitators of these technologies as well as suggesting areas for improvement in current policy and regulations.

Four overarching themes provide a suitable setting to examine the critical insights presented in the 31 chapters: Mobile- and sensor-based solutions

Opportunities to incorporate critical aspects of analytics to provide superior insights and thus support better decision-making Critical issues around aspects of IoT in healthcare contexts Applications of portals in healthcare contexts A comprehensive overview that introduces the critical issues regarding the role of IoT technologies for health, Delivering Superior Health and Wellness Management with IoT and Analytics paves the way for scholars, practitioners, students, and other stakeholders to understand how to substantially improve health and wellness management on a global scale.

This book provides a critical and comprehensive review of the methodologies available for measuring drug adherence in clinical practice, including those relying on emerging technologies. The authors discuss the risk factors of non-adherence and shed light on how to identify patients at risk of poor adherence. Drug therapies in chronic diseases rely heavily on the patient's adherence, since drugs that are not taken are ineffective and leave the patient at high risk of developing clinical complications. Given the absence of new drugs for the treatment of hypertension, drug adherence is particularly important in these patients to improve blood pressure control. The book further investigates a new aspect,

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namely the importance of drug adherence in clinical trials and studies and draws attention to the limits of developing drugs without significant information on drug adherence. Several chapters are dedicated to the importance of adherence in specific forms of hypertension, such as resistant hypertension, dyslipidemia and hypertension associated with cardiovascular risk. As experts confronted with drug adherence in their daily practice, the authors analyse the real effectiveness of several interventions aimed at improving drug adherence and put particular emphasis on the importance of an interdisciplinary approach involving nurses and pharmacists. The volume also includes a careful analysis of the health and economic impact of poor adherence. The book is aimed at physicians, pharmacists, students and all health professionals dealing not only with hypertension or dyslipidemia, but also with chronic asymptomatic diseases such as diabetes, HIV or chronic respiratory diseases.

With the use of multiple medications in the elderly patient comes the risk of drug-related problems. This issue covers polypharmacy in the elderly patient with topics that include: The Interplay between Polypharmacy, Geriatric Conditions, and Adverse Drug Reactions, Factors Leading to Excessive Polypharmacy, Clinical Practice Guidelines for Chronic Diseases and How They Contribute to Polypharmacy, Polypharmacy in Nursing Home Residents, Psychotropic Polypharmacy, Deprescribing Trials: Methods to Reduce Polypharmacy and the Impact on Prescribing and Clinical Outcomes,

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Ethical Framework for Medication Discontinuation in Nursing Home Residents with Limited Life Expectancy, Pharmacokinetics in the Elderly and the Interaction with Polypharmacy, Medication Adherence to Multi-drug Regimens, Improvements in Electronic Prescribing to Reduce Inappropriate Medication Use and Polypharmacy, and Tools to Decrease Polypharmacy.

We experience here feeling of joy while presenting first issue of 2016. We thank you again researchers who have presented their articles in this issue. This Issue (Volume 3, Issue 2, No.6) Published, March, 2016

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Cross-Cultural Design, CCD 2017, held as part of the 19th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, HCII 2017, held in Vancouver, Canada, in July 2017. HCII 2017 received a total of 4340 submissions, of which 1228 papers were accepted for publication after a careful reviewing process. The papers thoroughly cover the entire field of Human-Computer Interaction, addressing major advances in knowledge and effective use of computers in a variety of application areas. The 60 papers presented in the CCD 2017 proceedings are organized in topical sections: cultural foundations of design; cross-cultural product and service design; cross-cultural communication; design for social development; cross-cultural design for learning.

This new text provides a state-of the-art introduction to educational and psychological testing and measurement theory that reflects many intellectual developments of the past two decades. The book introduces psychometric

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theory using a latent variable modeling (LVM) framework and emphasizes interval estimation throughout, so as to better prepare readers for studying more advanced topics later in their careers. Featuring numerous examples, it presents an applied approach to conducting testing and measurement in the behavioral, social, and educational sciences. Readers will find numerous tips on how to use test theory in today's actual testing situations. To reflect the growing use of statistical software in psychometrics, the authors introduce the use of Mplus after the first few chapters. IBM SPSS, SAS, and R are also featured in several chapters. Software codes and associated outputs are reviewed throughout to enhance comprehension. Essentially all of the data used in the book are available on the website. In addition instructors will find helpful PowerPoint lecture slides and questions and problems for each chapter. The authors rely on LVM when discussing fundamental concepts such as exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis, test theory, generalizability theory, reliability and validity, interval estimation, nonlinear factor analysis, generalized linear modeling, and item response theory. The varied applications make this book a valuable tool for those in the behavioral, social, educational, and biomedical disciplines, as well as in business, economics, and marketing. A brief introduction to R is also provided. Intended as a text for advanced undergraduate and/or graduate courses in psychometrics, testing and measurement, measurement theory, psychological testing, and/or educational and/or psychological measurement taught in departments of psychology,

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education, human development, epidemiology, business, and marketing, it will also appeal to researchers in these disciplines. Prerequisites include an introduction to statistics with exposure to regression analysis and ANOVA. Familiarity with SPSS, SAS, STATA, or R is also beneficial. As a whole, the book provides an invaluable introduction to measurement and test theory to those with limited or no familiarity with the mathematical and statistical procedures involved in measurement and testing.

Pharmacy Practice Research Case Studies provides examples and details regarding how pharmacy practice research has transformed over the past decade and how this is impacting overall health. This book presents several methodologies and techniques used in current pharmacy practice. According to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, countries around the world are aiming to achieve Universal Health Coverage. In this context, pharmacists are a vital part of the healthcare teams and the book portrays the research methods used in conducting pharmacy practice and medicines use research. The professional role of pharmacists has evolved tremendously over the past few decades across the globe and the pace of change has been interestingly phenomenal in varying aspects. The book provides a great resource for pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, policymakers, and researchers to understand the dimensions of practice, education, research, and policy concerning pharmacy, and it provides the synthesis of the development so far, pointing to the needs and demands of the future.

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Provides updates on current practices and research methodologies used in pharmacy and their evolution over the last decade Offers insight into research that can be applied to global pharmacy practice Uses case studies to demonstrate how sustainable pharmacy practice can be in other settings and other countries An essential, comprehensive, and practical guide to understanding, measuring, and modifying patients' adherence behavior to optimize treatment outcomes, this book covers all major aspects of adherence in dermatology. The first section describes current knowledge on the magnitude and impact of nonadherence; the second outlines measuring adherence in the context of databases, trials and practice. The third section addresses adherence in key skin diseases and the fourth covers numerous strategies to improve adherence by mitigating specific patient barriers. All sections emphasize ways to optimize communication with patients: the foundation for producing successful health behavior change. Low adherence helps explain why, despite effective treatments existing for all major dermatologic conditions, many patients still fail to improve. When clinicians endeavour to maximize adherence, with the aid of evidence-based strategies, these drugs will often realise their potential. This book devotes special attention to understanding why individuals may be nonadherent, so that each patient can receive a suitable treatment regimen, with a personalized plan of action. This book is designed for clinicians at all levels, serving as both introductory training for medical students and residents,

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and an update on the field for experienced practitioners. Researchers and policymakers will also benefit from its coverage of research methods and the impact of nonadherence in specific diseases. Adherence in Dermatology bridges the gap between outcomes researchers and clinicians by explaining the latest findings in plain language, with examples from everyday dermatologic practice.

Metabolic Bone Diseases—Advances in Research and Treatment: 2013 Edition Scholarly Brief Scholarly Editions Clinical Pharmacy Education, Practice and Research offers readers a solid foundation in clinical pharmacy and related sciences through contributions by 83 leading experts in the field from 25 countries. This book stresses educational approaches that empower pharmacists with patient care and research competencies. The learning objectives and writing style of the book focus on clarifying the concepts comprehensively for a pharmacist, from regular patient counseling to pharmacogenomics practice. It covers all interesting topics a pharmacist should know. This book serves as a basis to standardize and coordinate learning to practice, explaining basics and using self-learning strategies through online resources or other advanced texts. With an educational approach, it guides pharmacy students and pharmacists to learn quickly and apply. Clinical Pharmacy Education, Practice and Research provides an essential foundation for pharmacy students and pharmacists globally. Covers the core information needed for pharmacy practice courses Includes multiple case studies and practical situations with 70% focused

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on practical clinical pharmacology knowledge Designed for educational settings, but also useful as a refresher for advanced students and researchers

Sympathetic overactivity is associated with the development of hypertension. Renal denervation (RDN) prevents or delays hypertension in a variety of animal models, which laid the groundwork for the introduction of RDN as a clinical therapy in humans. In 2007, a novel, minimally invasive RDN ablation catheter was first trialled in hypertensive patients, with a 93% success rate of lowering blood pressure for at least three years post-RDN. However, a large scale, sham-controlled clinical trial (Symplicity HTN -3) failed to show reductions in BP greater than sham. The aim of this research topic was to evaluate the efficacy and safety of RDN, to explore the contribution of both afferent and efferent renal nerve activity to hypertension and non-hypertension disorders, and to stimulate future research to better understand the function of the renal nerves and the effects of RDN by highlighting gaps in knowledge.

The lack of adherence to medication is a growing public health problem worldwide and is costing many patients their good health and healthcare systems billions of dollars. A new volume in the Emerging Issues in Analytical Chemistry series, Analytical Chemistry for Assessing Medication Adherence introduces the concept of medication adherence/compliance and reports international perspectives on medication adherence while highlighting its importance. It then describes the opportunities for analytical chemistry to assess medication adherence and thereby provide an evidence



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base for clinicians to improve patient health outcomes. The authors highlight the strengths and weaknesses of each of the analytical techniques cited in addition to categorizing the findings in terms of the biological samples used to assess adherence and identifying methods to extract biological samples prior to analysis. The final chapter provides the authors' perspective in this area, emphasising the importance of medication optimization for individual patients. The Emerging Issues in Analytical Chemistry series is published in partnership with RTI International and edited by Brian F. Thomas. Please be sure to check out our other featured volumes: Thomas, Brian F. and ElSohly, Mahmoud. The Analytical Chemistry of Cannabis: Quality Assessment, Assurance, and Regulation of Medicinal Marijuana and Cannabinoid Preparations, 9780128046463, December 2015. Hackney, Anthony C. Exercise, Sport, and Bioanalytical Chemistry: Principles and Practice, 9780128092064, March 2016. Rao, Vikram, Knight, Rob, and Stoner, Brian. Sustainable Shale Oil and Gas: Analytical Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Geochemistry Methods, 9780128103890, forthcoming September 2016. Farsalinos, Konstantinos, et al. Analytical Assessment of e-Cigarettes: From Contents to Chemical and Particle Exposure Profiles, 9780128112410, forthcoming November 2016. Surveys the strengths, weaknesses, and appropriateness of existing instruments and techniques and points the way toward a program of therapeutic optimization Brings together data scattered amongst professional journals and other sources in a single convenient volume Presents the problem of

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adherence and the authors' evaluation of possible solutions based on the analysis of patient bio-samples. This report is based on an exhaustive review of the published literature on the definitions, measurements, epidemiology, economics and interventions applied to nine chronic conditions and risk factors.

Drug-related problems in the elderly is intended to serve as a source of information and clinical support in geriatric pharmacotherapy for students as well as all health care professionals, e.g. physicians, nurses and pharmacists. Pharmacotherapy is of great importance to all mankind. Drugs are however powerful and must be handled appropriately. This is especially important for elderly patients. Drug-related problem is not a major subject in most university programmes in medicine or pharmacy. When there is no specific course, there is often no book covering the topic. In our view, as teachers at various university courses, there has been a shortage of literature that reflects the most important aspects of drug-related problems in the elderly. Medical practitioners, nurses and pharmacists, need to have this knowledge to be able to serve their patients in the best way. This book covers most aspects of drug-related problems in the elderly. With better knowledge of drug-related difficulties and risks we hope that elderly will have fewer drug-related problems and benefit more from their

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