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Physicians' Desk Reference 2011



Synopsis

PDR is the premier reference on prescription drugs and is found in nearly every physician's office, clinic, hospital, pharmacy and library. Completely updated every year, PDR provides critical, current information on the most commonly prescribed drugs in the U.S. Every full, FDA-approved drug label in PDR includes: Dosages; Indications; Warnings and precautions; Side effects; Safety information such as contraindications, pregnancy ratings; Interactions with other drugs, food, or alcohol; Clinical trials data. Comprehensive indexing by a drug's brand and generic name, its manufacturer and therapeutic category gives users multiple, easy ways to access the information they seek. PDR also includes a product identification guide with hundreds of images of full-color images.

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Customer Reviews

Ok in November, I rushed out to get the PDR. So far, I have looked for two common drugs- Darvocet (propoxyphene HCL), which has since been banned, MS Contin, and Depo Medrol, and none are even listed in the generic except for the Darvocet. I could go on for a host of drugs that aren't listed. WAIT UNTIL JANUARY TO BUY IT AT CLEARANCE WHEN DOCTORS REALIZE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PDR- It looks nice, but it has no real content. Do Lippincott's or Davis's Drug Guide for Nurse's instead.

This is very large book covering a very limited number of drugs. However each drug that is identified

is thoroughly covered. I found that the online version was far more inclusive.

My previous PDR, Red version, 10 years old & bought at Borders, was a goldmine of info. This, however is so badly organized as to be useless. So far I haven't been able to locate a single drug I have looked up. Either this publisher has completely deteriorated or my mistake was getting the BLUE version instead of the RED version. **DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE!!!** This thing is now headed for the recycle bin!

The PDR is listed by drug manufactures. It would be a lot faster to research the drugs if they were listed alphabetically. Also, I do not believe there was adequate detail of both common and critical side effects. I found the Internet faster for that information. The smaller versions seemed to be more useable for quick reference. Dr. Roy Solomon

Taber's Dictionary, Merck Manual encyclopedia of Medical issues, and the PDR. The PDR is THE reference for prescription medicine. Every doctor, every health facility, every medical insurer, and many others use this guide as the authoritative resource about prescription medicines. This book goes into much more detail than the small paper the pharmacist provides the patient with prescription information. This book goes into the real detail of prescription medicine. The data sheet provided to a customer may say that a certain folks experiences a certain side-effect. The PDR tells you the percentage of people that experienced it, out of a test group size, to give the reader a better feel for the potential for issues with the medication. For anybody concerned with, or interested in prescription medications, this is a "must have" guide.

After Google started, I got rid of my old PDR and trusted that I could find whatever I needed online. NOT true, at least not completely - I have serious allergic reactions to lots of things and drugs, and so often I would look up the drug, get the manufacturer's website or something similar, and the list of adverse reactions would be shortened and end with '....other reactions may occur that you should report to', or something along that order. I finally got disgusted and ordered this book - it's pricey, it's large, and it is COMPLETE. Maybe not for drugs that are not yet on the market, but for most of what is being prescribed now, you can't go wrong. It is written for doctors, so you have to be willing to look up some definitions sometimes, but for adverse reactions/side effects/uses of drugs, you can't beat it. I won't be without one again.

The 2011 edition of the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR) is not as user friendly as some prior editions. The problem is not with the write-ups but with the indexing system that makes it more difficult to find things. The write-ups themselves are pretty much as they have always been--material that is provided to the PDR by the pharmaceutical companies. That is, PDR is not produced by a staff that prepares the product write-ups. Another continuing feature of PDRs is that as soon as a product is moved from prescription to over-the-counter (OTC) status, it drops out of the PDR. For more thorough coverage of the product field, users do well to keep copies of older editions that still feature products that they now obtain OTC. This is so because coverage of OTC products in the 'PDR for Nonprescription Drugs' does not invariably provide as comprehensive coverage of drugs as were available before they reverted to OTC status. The copy of the 2011 PDR that I received had been a library copy and was in good condition.

I presently own a 2001 and 2005 PDR Book, However, in my opinion, the 2011 version is very incomplete, as there are many drugs not referenced therein. In comparison to the earlier versions, it is somewhat lacking in information. Thank you.

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