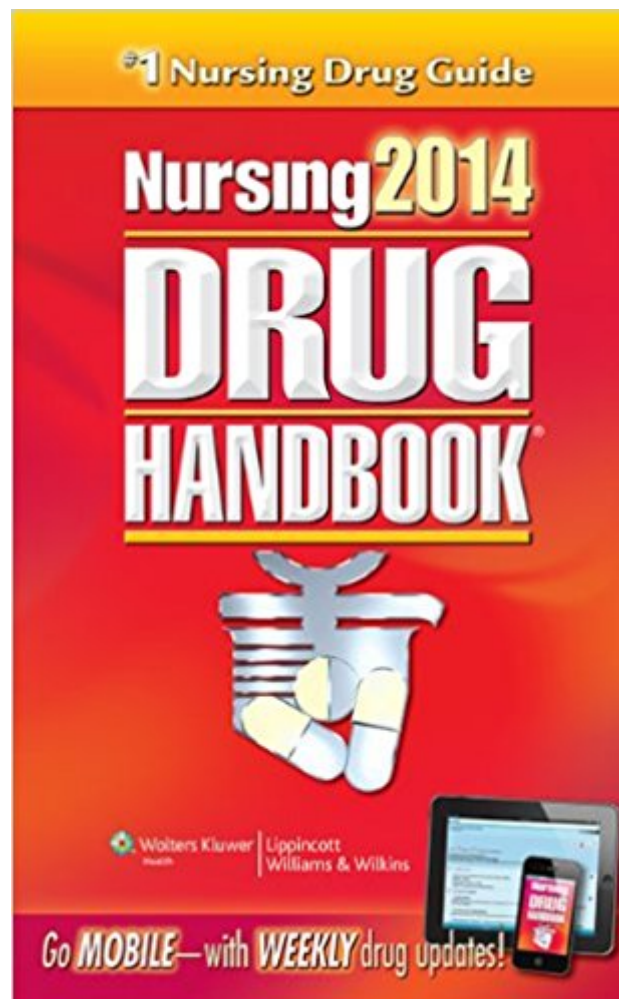




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# Nursing2014 Drug Handbook (Nursing Drug Handbook)



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current guidelines, ISMP initiatives, and contemporary patient safety issues, such as REMS— Safety alert icon for potentially toxic drugs, I.V. drug incompatibility, dialyzable drugs, toxic drug-drug interactions, and much more.

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## Customer Reviews

This is really 3.5 stars. I just added this to the list of required textbooks for the fall 2013 semester in my EMS class. Personally, I use and I am comfortable with several different drug handbooks, and I am perfectly fine with the old, but gigantic, standby; the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR). This book has good comprehensive information. It is fairly detailed, but not too detailed for EMS students who may not have a large pathophysiology background. What I did not like was that all of the drugs are ordered alphabetically by the generic name. Many drugs are not offered in a generic form, yet. This would require an additional step for students to find the medication. As an educator I am not opposed to that. But as a consumer, I found it tiresome. I require my students to report on "Adverse Effects" and "Side Effects," among other things. These are two different drug effects. This handbook does not separate the two. I emphasized that the formatting of this book had most adverse effects in bold letters within the side effects. Side effects are anticipated symptoms that may be troublesome, but may not be enough to discontinue a drug's use; such as headache. An adverse effect might be thrombocytopenia that leads to increased bleeding. The small section in the middle that has pictures of many common drugs was helpful. I would have used the Nurses PDR handbook if I would have

found a 2014 version. It offers many similar patient considerations. It separates adverse and side effects and offers a tiny bit more explanation of how a drug work (Pharmokinetics). This has been important as we learn more about alpha and beta receptors, sodium/potassium pump, acetylcholine, and many hormones and protein interactions. Anyone will find use for this handbook for 3-5 years.

The thought of having this book electronically is so appealing, but the book did not live up to the hype. Electronically, it is not user friendly and you cannot search for just one drug with ease like you can in a book presentation. It requires you to go page by page instead of thumbing through. This would do great with a search option. I ended up buying the hard copy book.

Its a reference book so I thought it would have some kind of feature that would let you jump to the letter you were looking for or let you search for the drug and jump right to it. But instead you have to search through one page at a time or just guess where it might be by using the scroll bar at the bottom. But when you get to that random page it doesn't tell you what letter in the alphabet you are you just have to turn the page one at time to figure out what section you are in. I had to buy it for school and I end up never using it and just using Medscape.com. The one good thing about it is if you carry your kindle everywhere or smartphone everywhere like I do and you are in a place without the internet it may be kind of convenient to have it there in your pocket.

I've been a nurse for close to 30 years and I have always owned a current handbook from this publisher. Medications are easy to find on the index. The pictures of the medications are very clear and colorful. I am a registered nurse case manager and see my patients in their homes. I never go without my Drug Handbook as I refer to it quite often since most of my patients are on multiple medications--sometimes up to 20-25 different medications. This book has saved me so much time because the medications are easily found and the format makes it easy to locate pertinent information quickly.

As a nurse, this is a great reference- I like the way it reads and is easy to follow- I don't buy a drug handbook every year, but when I upgrade, this is my favorite!

Bought this for those awful drug cards. Use it in conjunction with another drug book and that has worked out amazingly well. Would suggest if you are a nursing student you do the same. The other book has meds that this one doesn't and vice versa. This book is super easy to use and is by far the

one I use most often. I looked at I can't tell you how many and even compared this to the books some of the other students had. If you can only afford to buy one, get this one. Takes a minute to get used to how it's set up but like I said, once you do this book is golden.

It is very convenient to have the drug book with additional information in my iPhone thru the Kindle app, I also have other apps but they do not have all the information that a nurse needs, the only thing is when I am searching for a drug and instead of coming up for the drug profile it shows every where in the drug book where the drug appears, and I will have to look thru each one of those searches trying to find the drug profile, or maybe there is another way to find it? or maybe I am not tech genius, who knows but that is the only thing that I do not like about it

This is the best book ever! I refer to this book often when I was in school writing up Nursing care plans. All the drugs are listed in alphabetical order and all the information you need is all within this book. It is a great go to book when you need to review for an exam. A must have book if you are attending nursing or any kind of medical field. Highly recommend .

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