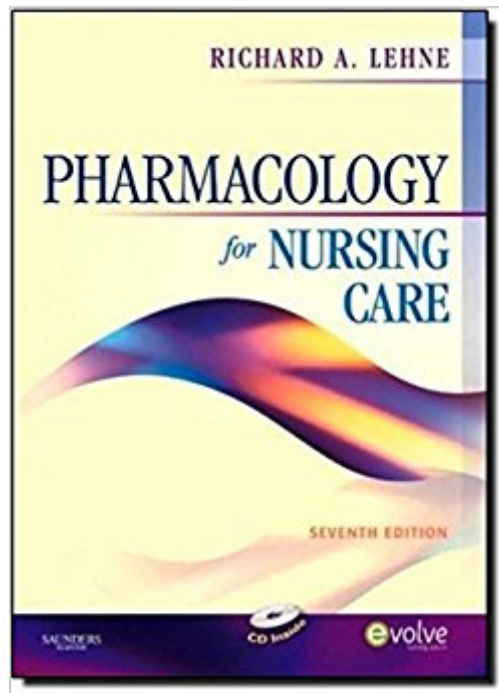




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Synopsis

This text emphasizes understanding over memorization to effectively present the “big picture”; through the use of drug prototypes, large and small print, and special foundational chapters that cover principles related to each body system. At the end of each chapter, a summary of major nursing implications also helps you apply the material to real-world situations. The accompanying companion CD-ROM features audio and printable key points that you can download to a CD or MP3 player. The CD-ROM also features 700 NCLEX® examination-style multiple-choice review questions, animations depicting drug mechanisms and effects, flash cards, and numerous electronic calculators. UNIQUE! Summaries of Major Nursing Implications at the end of each chapter help you understand how to apply concepts to clinical practice in an easy-to-understand format. A prototype drug approach uses one drug within each drug family that characterizes all members of its group to give you the knowledge you need to learn not only about related drugs currently on the market, but also about those drugs that will be released once the student begins practice. Uses large print to identify essential “need-to-know”; information and small print to identify “nice-to-know”; information. Concise drug summary tables present quick reference to detailed information on individual drugs, including class, generic and trade names, dosages, routes, and indications. End-of-chapter Key Points are summarized in a bulleted format to facilitate your review of the most important concepts in each chapter. Patient and family teaching content is highlighted to emphasize this key content and provide you with critical information to include in teaching patients about drugs and effects and stresses points for educating family members when they will be helping to care for the patient. Provides Anatomy and Physiology and Pathophysiology reviews at the beginning of chapters to help you understand the relationships pharmacology and the biologic systems that drugs influence. A comprehensive collection of appendixes includes a concise overview of Canadian drug information, gender-related drugs, drug administration techniques, normal laboratory values, and much more. Companion CD-ROM features 700 NCLEX examination-style multiple-choice review questions, animations depicting drug mechanisms and effects, flash cards, key points, and numerous electronic calculators. Includes numerous new drugs and formulations recently approved by the FDA to keep you current with today’s drug therapy practice. Special Interest Topic boxes address late-breaking issues in pharmacology that have recently emerged in the media so you can learn the current events that may affect them in practice. Extensive revision to the Cancer Chemotherapy unit provides you with up-to-date information on new drug therapy in this complex and rapidly changing area of practice. Companion CD-ROM features audio and printable key points

that you can download to a CD or MP3 player to listen to and review at their leisure. Additional full-color graphics illustrate how drugs work in the body and depict key pharmacologic principles.

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1288 pages of small text in a book with over 100 chapters. Talk about intimidating when you get your book! But for a textbook, it really is beautifully written in a way that will help you learn the material, whether you're doing a self-study class or with an instructor. The text flows naturally, incorporating what you need to know to what you already know. You don't have to work to assimilate the new material into your knowledge base. The new material just makes sense. There are no cartoons to insult your intelligence, but there is a little humor sprinkled in. The material is easy to understand, easy to digest, and the whole process is explained, not just bits and pieces. It isn't a book to memorize, it makes use of your common sense to put concepts together in a meaningful way so that you really understand the material, not just choke it down for the test. After starting to read it, I got over the initial shock of the tiny print and the bazillion big words, and started to really understand and enjoy pharmacology. I have attempted other (easier) pharmacology texts and found the material dry and child-ish. Oh, the difference a well-written text makes! I strongly recommend this for anybody seeking to learn pharmacology.

I decided to buy the 7th edition instead of the 8th to save myself some money. Great decision! The chapters are a little off, like they switched the topics around. But everything else was the same. I'm so glad I didn't buy the new one.

This is one of my favorite nursing texts. It is concise, organized, accurate, well-written, and up-to-date --unlike many of my other nursing texts (e.g., Kee's pharmacology). I actually enjoy reading it. This is not a required text for me, but I would not do without it. I recommend it to anyone who wants to speed their understanding of pharmacology. --I have spent extra time pondering it as it has alerted me to errors in my required text(s). That's a good thing. I just wish those other texts weren't required and Lehne was. Best to learn the right data from the start. Lehne uses tables to present complex information from various angles. This helps to better and rapidly digest things like drug categories, therapeutic results, etc. Lehne uses more medical/scientific language and explanations compared to my other nursing texts. That's a plus to me, but others might not like it. My other books use simpler language (and/or definitions which clutter the writing and slow my reading) and omit background info (which I find helpful). I actually find Lehne simpler as he doesn't dance around the material. He just states it simply and directly and I get it. When the explanation is not there, as in my other texts, rote memorization is required. I am much better at remembering per an associated concept, so I like Lehne. Finally, I have found Lehne to be markedly more up-to-date than my other texts. For instance, I have 2008 and 2009 texts that describe drugs that the FDA removed from the market more than a decade ago. Lehne had already updated his info in his 2001 edition (and of course the 2006 edition). I have not found the typographical errors or sloppy writing in Lehne that I have found in other texts. I think overall, Lehne has a better writing and editing team.

Was totally dreading my pharm class until I started reading the text book. The author is a professor but he writes in layman's terms. Important and basic overview is in regular text and more detailed information is in smaller text which made studying easier.

I can't say I've needed the book much, but when I have needed some clarification on something my instructor went over in class (or something she didn't really go over but that was still going to be on an exam) this book has really helped. I think it's well written and I love that I can understand it easily. I was reading another little blurb earlier this evening and thought to myself "this really isn't a bad read like most textbooks". It was definitely worth the little I spent on a "used" copy that is one edition older.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who is a nursing student or simply anyone who really wants to learn about how your body really works and the appropriate medicines if anyone is ever in

need of medicine because of a health problem. This book is written by true professionals who really care about the nursing profession. It is very detailed oriented and it explains every aspect in a lot of subjects pertaining to health. For example, the brain and then it covers associated diseases and then all the medications that would treat that disease and it gives details of how the medicine interacts. So if you want to know how your body works or you need a great summary of the entire nursing major, this book can help you a lot.

Lehne has done an excellent job at making a potentially dry subject interesting and, at times, captivating. He is very talented at giving the "why" behind how drugs work and why they have side effects. However, this is not a book for laypeople. For it to be a truly good read one should have a comfort level with human anatomy and physiology - at the very least. Previous pathophysiology coursework would be preferable. The book is set up in a very logical way. Lehne provides a helpful review of A&P fundamentals for a particular body system and then presents the medications that affect that system. The chapters are relatively short (many less than ten pages) and easy to digest. The writing style is easy to read and not overly technical. Also, there is not an excessive use of abbreviations which makes reading the book more like, well, reading a book and less like reading a textbook.

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