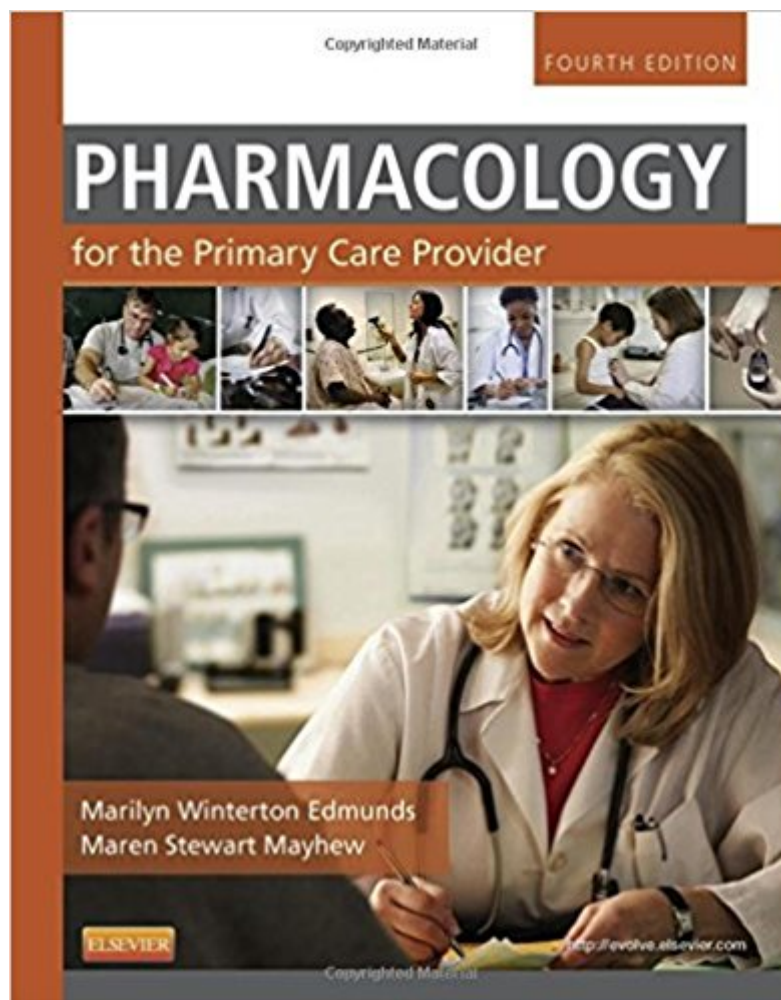




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# Pharmacology For The Primary Care Provider, 4e (Edmunds, Pharmacology For The Primary Care Provider)



## Synopsis

Written by and for nurse practitioners, and also suitable for physician assistants, *Pharmacology for the Primary Care Provider, 4th Edition* focuses on what you need to know to safely and effectively prescribe drugs for primary care. An emphasis on patient teaching helps you gain patient adherence to prescribed drug regimens, and guidelines for health promotion help in maintaining and improving your patients' health. Now in full color, this edition expands the book's emphasis on the QSEN priorities of safety and evidence-based practice, and adds coverage of new drugs, new drug classes, and new therapeutic drug uses. Written by leading nurse practitioner authorities Marilyn Winterton Edmunds and Maren Stewart Mayhew, *Pharmacology for the Primary Care Provider* teaches principles of pharmacotherapeutics using today's most commonly used drugs. A Key Drugs focus highlights the most commonly used and most representative drugs of each major drug class with particular emphasis on the top 100 most commonly prescribed drugs. Emphasis on patient teaching helps you communicate with patients and family caregivers to promote adherence to the drug regimen. Emphasis on health promotion describes how to help patients stay well and improve their health, including coverage of immunizations and biologicals, vitamins, weight management, and smoking cessation. Evidence-Based Decision-Making and Treatment Guidelines chapter (11) provides practical guidelines for using the best current research evidence to make decisions about the care of individual patients. Extensive coverage of drug therapy for special populations such as geriatric and pediatric patients includes considerations related to age, pregnancy, race, and other factors. UNIQUE! Coverage of prescriptive practice includes topics such as prescriptive authority, role implementation, and the role of nurses (NPs, CNMs, CRNAs, and CNSs) and physician assistants in writing prescriptions. NEW! Full-color design and illustrations highlight the most important content. DRUG UPDATES reflect the latest FDA-approved drugs, drug classes, and therapeutic uses. Expanded emphasis on the QSEN priorities of safety and evidence-based practice helps you eliminate drug prescribing errors with color-highlighted Safety Alerts! and NEW Clinical Practice Alerts! NEW section on male hormone replacement therapies adds coverage of men to that for women. Updated evidence-based prescribing information reflects the latest national clinical practice guidelines and evidence-based treatment guidelines, including the latest clinical treatment guidelines for diabetes. NEW! Complementary and Alternative Products tables highlight interactions with drugs, and are emphasized with a distinctive icon. Updated Drug Overview tables are enhanced with color as well as Top 100 icons that highlight the most commonly prescribed drugs.

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This book doesn't deserve a professional review... So here is my quick spill on why this is the worst text book I have ever read. Dr. Edmunds' book contradicts itself, is inconsistent, and the layout is ridiculous... it seems as if I'm reading a novel instead of a textbook. Study test questions should be included or at least a study guide one could buy separately. The only thing bolded throughout this book are the headings. This is sooo HARD READ... In grad school, one needs a book that can easily be skimmed over and over again...I waste so much time trying to pick out important information and I get annoyed with reading her opinions instead of facts. Additionally, the same concepts are constantly repeated throughout different chapters. This should not be a required textbook for anyone and I do not suggest buying this for supplemental textbook for another pharm class. It is unacceptable to consider this a textbook. Yes, this is the first time I have starred/written a poor review. Have never given less than 3 stars. I can usually find something positive. I hope this review saved others the disappointment of purchasing for supplemental use. And for those of you who are required to buy this for pharm, my deepest sympathy. Rent instead and purchase anything else to supplement for pharm ( promise it will be more useful than this). Update after being required to use this for 3 months: I dislike it more than I initially thought. Tried to use it to reference a med for a pediatric case study. Not only could I not find what I was looking for quickly, I could not find it at all. I cannot believe this is the 4th edition.... what mistakes did the first 3 contain? As I was reading, I found that I was marking out sentences that I had just read on a previous page, paragraph, or 3

lines above. Sadly, this has become the norm for almost every chapter. There is some useful information, but discovering these rare gems is a daunting task. Imagine a 6 month old trying to purposely put their finger on Waldo....Near impossible. The difference between that scenario and me hunting for the first line drug for a 3 year child with AOM who has an allergy to PCN is that at least Finding Waldo has color and can easily be used for its purpose. Edmunds' pharmacology is just a brick in my backpack that I pull out from time to time hoping the next chapter will be of use.

I am ashamed this book is in my curriculum, I am ashamed this book is in print, and I am ashamed that I have to be tested based on answers contained in this book. This book is a disaster of errors. Pregnancy categories, medication categories, medication doses, rules, classes, side effects: all with various errors are littered through-out this text. The grammar and spacing errors are annoying but are actually welcome over another contradictory statement or flat out error. This book should be pulled and refunds issued- it is an embarrassment to our profession. The disjointed information- if it were consistently accurate- would be annoying but tolerable. This is unacceptable. It must be mentioned that I bought the hard copy book direct from the publisher to get the latest- hopefully updated version- that has been alluded to...it is one of the books I am referring to. Then I then bought the electronic version hoping at least that it would be better; neither are acceptable, and my review is on both of those two different formats of the same book.

This book is all over the place. It jumps around from drug to drug and gives partial information throughout the chapter instead of focusing on one drug at a time. The brief pathophysiology is great at the beginning of each chapter but that is about the extent of this book's usefulness. Some chapters don't even have dosing for the medications! The editing of this book leaves a lot to be desired as well. There has to be better options for general pharmacology for graduate student nurses so keep on looking!

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Was worried about it after seeing other reviews but this edition seems to have worked out the kinks.

This book is loaded with errors. I mean LOADED. Not only is important pharmacology information missing or incorrect, there are numerous syntax, punctuation, spelling and word errors. The "scholarly articles" cited in this book are often from the 1960s, 1970s... Which in my opinion makes it garbage. It is also filled with someone else's (I'm assuming the authors) opinions, which is just annoying. The chapter layouts do not flow and forget about using this book got reference. It is complete and total trash.

This textbook seems to repeat itself a good bit. There were also numerous typos and misplaced segments, throughout. Organization could definitely be better as the flow was hard to follow in terms of easily learning everything one needs to know about each drug/class of drugs.

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