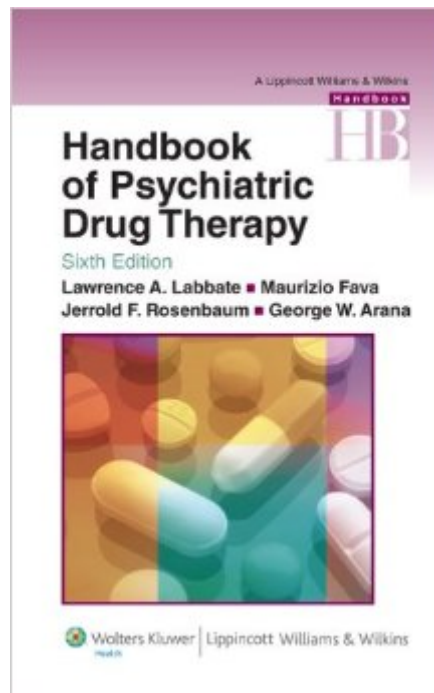


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Excellent choice! If you buy this item you will acquire the basics of psychopharmacology psychiatry students need. I am a second year postgraduate student and found it very helpful, concise and updated. It presents the major indications, therapeutic uses, side effects, and mechanisms of action for every drug. The tables give you an easy way to compare each medication characteristics and the book offers the facts that will help us choose the best drug that fits our patients needs. Its format let us carry it with us everywhere so we can take a quick look and review the information anytime we need it. I highly recommend it!

I've relished using the Fifth Edition, with its concise format, easy to read, and up to date information on all the major aspects of practicing psychopharmacology. So I was excited to order the Sixth Edition, to keep up to date. Unfortunately, it's a few years out of date, with omissions including Vilazodone, Asenapine, Iloperidone and Lurasidone. TMS is also not in, though ECT is, as it was in the past. It's nicely updated newer indications, and more recent clinical trials, for many of the more familiar medications, from Topiramate to Pregabalin. The index is also inferior, omitting to include listings for Varenicline and Paliperidone (which ARE included in the book). The shrunken text is also a bit of a bother, especially for those of us oldies with presbycusis. The Fifth Edition was certainly easier to read with comfort. I still recommend purchasing this new edition, since it will be several more years before a Seventh Edition emerges, to include the newest meds.

I've read all editions of this book and I'm really impressed. Rosenbaum, et. al. are masters of the art of psychopharmacology. This book covers almost all areas relevant to practicing psychiatrists. Despite its breadth, you can finish reading the book in a couple of days. Finally, this book is an excellent resource for the certification exam in Advanced Psychopharmacology offered by the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP). Just recently, I've read its 6th edition. So easy and fun to digest! Despite the handbook's small size, the amount of information has been truly remarkable. I highly recommend it for busy, and of course not-so-busy, clinicians preparing for ABPN's psychiatry certification exam.

I am so disappointed. I have been a practicing psychiatrist for over twenty years and have just loved prior editions of this manual--small, easy to carry in the hospital, well-written, packed with information for its size--but with the new sixth edition the publisher halved the thickness of the book while increasing the width by about an inch. To accomplish this type has been reduced in size and perhaps made lighter (not sure if lighter or seems that way because of the decreased size of the type), which has made the book difficult to read for me. The great virtue of the book has been that I could quickly page to a section, skim it quickly, and go on. But now because of the type I can no longer skim it quickly; I have to slow down and read it word by word, making it not usable as a on-the-go manual. Perhaps the publisher decided that they only wanted to market to residents with young eyes, but the book is no longer useful for me. I will have to return it. (FYI: did not buy from .) As someone else said, find it in a bookstore before buying. I am going to write the publisher. Maybe they can put out a revised 6th edition. Or put it on Kindle so I can read it on my netbook.

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