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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 folk 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.

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.

The book is prepared for physician's use so the info is surely the best. Some parts are not easy to understand (maybe because I have limited vocabulary and understanding) The contents seem to be like the information sheet that usually accompanies prescription medications. Please be aware that the side effects listed might overwhelm the reader if you take it literally. The book also lists pill identification.

Parents need to have one of these around as well as senior citizens. I guarantee your health care professional didn't tell you all the information about that drug that you will find in this book. Don't be afraid to get one a couple years old, this information doesn't change a great deal from year to year so you don't need to spend the big bucks for a new one. Ours was a couple decades old so I figured it was time to update.

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

It's REALLY big.

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.

Good value

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