

EMS Medication Field Guide



Synopsis

The Fourth Edition is a quick reference guide to drug and toxicology information and will speed your recognition of unfamiliar drugs, improving your field care and treatment of the overdose or poison patient.

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Customer Reviews

I had been looking for a book such as this for a long time. While the paramedic field guides are useful for a 1st year medic, they quickly lose their value once the new medic becomes proficient. However, the EMS Medication Field Guide is useful to quickly determine most every prescription a PT could have and its general effects. It is a valuable tool for the OD PTs. I strongly recommend this book and have given it as a gift for a medic student.

The EMS Medication Pocket Field Guide by Dillman is a monster in comparison to the LaSage ALS EMS Field Guide. It's nearly twice as thick and a touch wider (7/8" thick x 3 1/4" wide x 6 1/4" (including spiral which is 1 3/16" diameter) vs. LaSage at (

I am an EMT (soon to be medic) who just started working on the night shift a couple months ago. It was an eye opener to get call after call for overdoses and to see the variety of drugs used. This guide helped me in determining which drugs could cause potential damage and at what doses. About half of the guide is a large list of prescription meds and their drug class. Next is a section

explaining different drug classes (corticosteroids, benzos, narcotics, and so on). In these sections it gives a list of drugs that fit in the class, the effects of an overdose on that drugs, the toxicology, and what signs and symptoms might be present in a person who overdosed on that drug. The next section is "Clinical Differentials". It starts with the signs and symptoms and helps you identify what drugs are capable of causing the symptom. The guide also gives minimum lethal dosages of many drugs (for a 150 lb. person). It explains the dangers and lethal dosages of various abused substances. It has a list of antidotes to certain substances. That is just the basics of this guide and there is a lot more. I am very happy with the buy and got a lot more than I was expecting. My only worry is that it is going to get worn out very quickly sitting in pocket for 12 hour shifts. Still highly recommended.

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