

# BOOK REVIEWS

## Pocket Guide to Chemotherapy Protocols 4th Edition

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This book is a convenient sized collection of both medical oncology and haematological chemotherapy protocols. The book is spiral bound so it lies flat and takes up minimal space.

Protocols are listed alphabetically by cancer type, starting with anal cancer and finishing with thyroid. The solid tumours protocols for each cancer type are further broken up into single agent regimens, combination regimens, adjuvant therapy, neoadjuvant and metastatic disease. Haematological protocols are listed under the headings of induction, consolidation and maintenance therapy for

clarity. The reference for every protocol is provided at the back of the book.

While this guide is not intended to be an all inclusive list, it is comprehensive. It is also based on published literature and updated regularly. The protocols in this guide are not recommended nor prioritised in any way. This book works best when used as a reference guide as doses or protocols used in the clinical situation tend to be institutional based.

At my unit I shared the book with pharmacists, registrars and nurses. The feedback received was positive and the guide was seen as a useful reference to have. I feel that the book would be very helpful for students and those new to the area of oncology and pharmacy. It is also useful for nurses administering chemotherapy as a quick reference for checking protocols and approximate doses.

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