

Physicians' Cancer Chemotherapy Drug Manual 2008

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This is an easy to use book which covers topics including: principles of cancer chemotherapy: chemotherapeutic and biologic drugs; guidelines for chemotherapy and dosing modifications; common chemo-therapy regimens in clinical practice; and antiemetic agents for the treatment of chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting. There is also a CD-ROM which allows for the information to be loaded on to work station computers.

The book is well written and set out, so that it is easy to find the information you are searching for. The language is simple, allowing for ease of use by novice practitioners as well as the more experienced.

Drugs and protocols are listed alphabetically, allowing for easy use. Information on each drug includes: mechanism of action; mechanism of resistance; absorption; distribution; metabolism; indications; dosage range; drug interactions; special considerations; and toxicities in order of severity. All protocols are set out in an easy to read fashion and are referenced at the end of the chapter.

Our unit has found this book to be an excellent resource and guide to our clinical practice, with nurses, pharmacists and medical staff who have used it giving positive feedback. We have found it to be very useful for our novice practitioners to check against, prior to administration of any chemotherapeutic drug. Medical and pharmacy staff find it extremely useful for drug interactions and expected toxicities.

I would recommend this book to all nursing, medical and pharmacy staff involved in the prescribing and administration of chemotherapeutic agents.

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