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Customer Reviews

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I think they did a good job and listed plenty of drugs, but I still get overwhelmed with the mass amount of info in this book. I honestly feel I have gotten more attainable knowledge from doing research on Mayoclinic.com and out of my Pharm book. All I have done is search by class of drugs such as "SSRI" or "BETA BLOCKERS" and learn the drug word endings and important info regarding the class of drug rather than remembering 280 drugs that this book contains. Mayo does a great job of telling you common side affects, rare but dangerous side effects, and other important info related to that class of drugs and it is presented in a very comprehensive and attainable manner. NCLEX tests us as new nurses, not expert pharmasists so my plan is learning the basics of pharm. If I know that betablocker drugs typically end with "lol" endings, common side effects, and contraindications (such as don't give betablockers to asthmatics and diabetics because it can cause bronchioconstriction and hide S/S of hypoglycemia), then I should be able to answer the vast majority of betablockers drugs questions I may or may not see on NCLEX. I would recommend doing that rather than staring at this book for hours and hours. I also bet our time would also be more

beneficially spent learning and reviewing core content such as with the Hurst review and Saunderson's books.

First, this book DOES NOT include all the medication one has to know for the NCLEX RN. For example, when I got this book I was reviewing scabies. So I checked right away what the book says about anti-scabies medication and I was very surprised, that the book does not have neither Permethrin nor Lindane and these are two main medication used to treat scabies and they ARE in the questions on the exam. Besides, it took me a lot of time to do my search again and again - why? read the second point. Secondary, it is DIFFICULT to find a medication in this book, even if it is there, because there is NO ALPHABETICAL INDEX of medications! if you want to find an antiviral medication, you have to go to the whole chapter of anti-infectives and look there among 25 pages. Useless book. Total waste of money!

when i first ordered the book, i thought it would come in handy for the kaplan program and if it were to be beneficial in my last nursing semester, BONUS! i am not sure if it's included or not when one takes the nclex review with kaplan, however i saw it in the kaplan bookstore @ their site. what a great little book. it's in a flashcard type of format. drug on the front, with the "meat" on the back. it's small enough to put into a purse, maybe even a pocket. it's a great size. i bought 4 of them for my study buddies, and then ordered 3 more & used them for christmas gifts. they were \$5 cheaper on and who can resist the supersaver shipping?

There are just so many medications out there, no one can know all of them! This book is very helpful in the sense that it tells what medications to focus on for the nclex. My main complaint is the fact that it groups medications by diseases (cardiac medications, analgesics...), there is no index of medications. It is very hard to know what medication is discussed in the book. You have to browse through those categories to find medications and this is extremely time-consuming. A Medication Index/ List would make this book just perfect.

Kaplan NCLEX-RN Medications You Need to Know for the Exam This cute little book is a sham. It is a book, and there are meds in it...but. Poor quality paper, lacking in information I found necessary, and poorly set up with 2 drugs on the front and back of each page, split, so pages need flipping back and forth. I just did not like this set-up and the quality was just crap. Kaplan makes BILLIONS on students, at least the product should be usable.

When I bought this book, it was in good condition. This book is very convenient to carry around, however, I am not one to just read about a medication and memorize it that way. This book breaks the meds up by classification then list its generic name, brand name, some common/major side effects, and a few teaching points. I know some people who have found this book very helpful, but as I mentioned above I just do not learn well this way.

The Kaplan NCLEX-RN medications book is not a very good one. I had hoped that it would break down the drugs by class and explain the function of the classes of medications but it didnt. It left a lot to be desired. I could have easily looked at any med book for the same information. Sorry, but don't waste your money!

When studying for the nclex I didnt like the presentation of or the actual information, then when i took my nclex I was ecstatic I didn't use this book much. It provided the less important information- not what was actually on the test. This book is not a good study tool.

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