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Weighted Numerical Score: 100 - 5 Stars!

Description
Updated yearly since 1959, this book provides an evidence-based foundation for safe and effective drug therapy, while establishing medically accepted uses of drugs for all available prescription medications.

Purpose
This reference is widely used and trusted for its established record in refuting unfounded efficacy claims, its rigorous science-based editorial process, and its independence from the influence of pharmaceutical manufacturers. The is the longest published federally designated drug compendium issued by a scientific and professional society.

Audience
The reference is intended to shape treatment decisions made by practitioners and clinicians and to influence public and private healthcare policies and decisions. It can be used as a valuable and unbiased pharmaceutical reference by clinical students and practitioners.

Features
This is a collection of drug monographs for virtually every single drug entity available in the U.S. Each monograph includes title and synonyms; description; risk evaluation and mitigation strategy; uses; dosage and administration; cautions; acute toxicity; chronic toxicology; drug interactions; lab test interferences; pharmacology; mechanism of action; spectrum; resistance; pharmacokinetics; chemistry and stability; preparations; references; overviews; and pregnancy precautions. The book is divided in drug classes and includes a user-friendly index to navigate directly to the appropriate page.

Assessment
A new edition of this book has been published every year since 1959 to ensure it presents updated and appropriate drug information based on market availability.
It is easier to use and more concise than Drug Facts and Comparisons (Wolters Kluwer Health).