Pharmacological Classification of Drugs: With Doses and Preparations, (Fifth Edition)

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Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers, 2014. Softcover. Book Condition: New. 5th or later edition. 18 x 13 cm. A systematized listing of drugs according to their primary actions, mechanisms, chemical nature, clinical uses and/or other relevant characteristics is the first step to learn about them. The mental exercise to prescribe a drug for a patient starts with identifying the class of drugs to be prescribed and then selecting the specific member most appropriate for that patient according to its subclass/group/individual characteristic. For example, the first thing one decides is whether an analgesic or an antihypertensive or an antibiotic is to be prescribed; then proceeds to consider which type of analgesic (opioid/nonopioid), or antihypertensive (ß blocker/ACE inhibitor, etc.), or antibiotic (ß-lactam/fluoroquinolone, etc.) is required and then which specific member is most suitable. On the other hand, every drug is known by its class and subclass, e.g. furosemide is a high-ceiling diuretic, glibenclamide is a sulfonylurea antidiabetic. As such, drug classifications are pivotal to pharmacology students and highly valuable to prescribing doctors. The phenomenal increase in the number of drugs in recent years has further underscored the need for drug classifications. Drug classifications have been criticised for being arbitrary and imperfect because of...

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