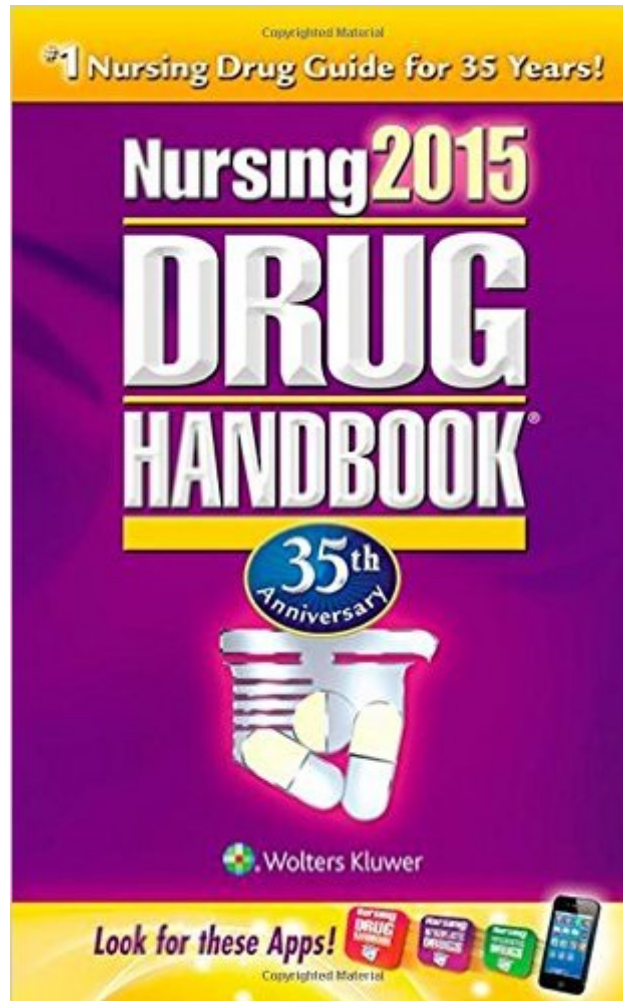



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# Nursing 2015 Drug Handbook, 35th Anniversary Edition



## Synopsis

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and treating extravasation, and preventing exposure to hazardous drugs  Safety alert icon for potentially toxic drugs, I.V. drug incompatibility, dialyzable drugs, toxic drug-drug interactions, and much more. This publication is included on the ANCC: American Nurses Credentialing Center's reference list.

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## Customer Reviews

I purchase the Nursing Drug Handbook every year. Out of all the books regarding prescription and over-the-counter medications I have tried, this book is truly superior. This year they drastically changed the way the book is formatted/organized. Previously, medications were listed by their pharmaceutical class and then alphabetically. This was extremely useful if you wanted to reference which medications were in the same class as a drug you were looking up. You could easily find alternative medications in that pharmaceutical class that may meet a patient's need. The 2015 edition lists all medications alphabetically by their chemical name. They are not divided by pharmaceutical class or brand name. However, there is a section at the beginning of the book where medications are listed by their pharmaceutical class, but then you have to go to the text of the book to look up the chemical name for details about that drug. Also, you can look up brand names using the index and it will refer you to the correct page with the chemical name. I still believe the Nursing Drug Handbook is far superior to any other texts I have tried. I am still giving it five-stars. The changes I mentioned are mitigated by the alternate means provided to reference medications. Please remember this is just one person's opinion and you may not look at the book or use

it in the same manner I use it. As they say, your mileage may vary.

Compared to the Davis's Drug Guide, I prefer the identification of life threatening side effects in red capital letters, and common side effects always underlined. I was surprised to find a few things missing in the Nursing version compared to the Davis version such as a life threatening side effect for omeprazole and a common trade name for cyclobenzaprine (two drugs very commonly used in my nursing job). I used Davis in nursing school and really liked it. I felt the Nursing 2015 Drug Handbook wasn't as thorough, although they are very similar in breadth and layout.

If I'm a physician/practitioner, I am most likely looking for a set of drugs applicable to the patient's presenting signs/symptoms. I.E. A list of anti-diarrheal medications. If I'm a nurse, on the other hand, I am most likely looking for information on a specific drug I have been ordered to administer to my patient. Contraindications, alternate names, interactions, etc. Why then would the NURSING Drug Handbook be laid out in a format of diagnoses, and lists of drugs applicable to said diagnoses? Also, drug names are in small print, with other things in all caps/bold print all over the page, which is truly confusing. Add to that the fact that medications as common as MgCl are entirely absent, and I find it downright shocking that this book is so well reviewed. If you are able to preview the index for this book, I encourage you to take a look at how absurdly short the list of medications is. I would recommend opting for an actual pharmacopeia of some sort.

I needed updates for medication information. I am a nurse since 2013. I had a 2012 book from a different author, but I really liked the Lippincott book and bought it for my computer, mini iPod, and phone. It is nice to look up medications by texting or typing, so the computer looks them up. That way it is convenient. I saw some missing drugs that were not there, but that was ok. I just looked up the other two drugs online. Lippincott is short and to the point. The book broke down drug information short and simplified. I like this one because it is straight and to the point with not so much medical jargon to make it confusing. Having different books are nice because I can look up any differences or similarities each drug book has to offer. I gave it a 4 on the scale because I did not find all the drugs I was looking for except two.

I bought the kindle version for my kindle device. There is no way to type in a specific drug to look it up. You have to turn the pages for a ridiculous amount of time. This is not a good reference ebook which is the reason I bought it. And when you are looking at the reviews for the product you are

reading the reviews for the actual book also which is very misleading. The book is good. The e-book is horrible.

I am a semi retired nurse but I still like to keep up with medications old and new and this Drug Handbook has fit the bill every year. I purchase one myself every year but never at such a reasonable price. I will be back again next year.

This ebook has no search function....So unless you feel like scrolling through thousands of pages, it is somewhat useless. Additionally, when you find the drug you need in the index, and it gives a page #, you will need to scroll again, as the page numbers are not hot linked. Very time consuming...perhaps my poorest purchase from ever.

I have used the book for about 20 years. I have used other drug handbooks, but this one is my choice by far. It is very easy to use, it is full of information that is compact and easy to understand. I would recommend to anyone in the medical field or anyone needing information about medications. Thanks Shirley Thompson RN/DON

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