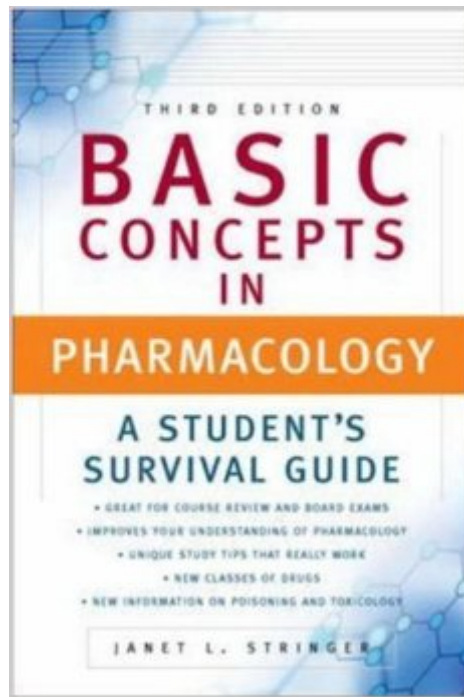


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# Basic Concepts In Pharmacology



## Synopsis

This resource offers a proven way for learning the most difficult-to-understand concepts in pharmacology and provides a study system that sets priorities, minimizes memorization, and reduces stress. Includes study techniques not found in any competing book Clearly explains each fundamental principal of drug actions Organizes and condenses must-know drug information Numerous summary boxes, illustrations, and tables Newly updated information on poisoning/toxicology and coverage of new classes of drugs such as fusion inhibitors for HIV, antibiotic and antifungal drugs, and new drugs for cancer, immune suppression, and more

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I have found this handy guide a great way to quickly get a grasp of lecture topics. It only takes minutes to understand the concepts, and saves valuable time by catagorizing the drug types for you. Stringer's style of writing in a conversation format is easy to read, enjoyable, and concise. In fact, I'm purchasing my own copy because it's too hard to find in the library anymore!

This is a very useful book for someone who needs a quick pharmacology review for the USMLE step 1 exam. It can be studied in its entirety within two days, but cementing all the information in long-term memory will require returning to it frequently during the course of study. Stringer's casual student-oriented style helps put the nervous reader at ease and builds confidence while studying, a rarity in review books which are more likely on one of the two polar extremes of intimidating or

condescending. The sheer mass of detail can be overwhelming in pharmacology as well, and Stringer is also very helpfully pragmatic in emphasizing which details are important for the student to learn the first time around, and which can be saved for a second pass through the material. Pharmacology books become obsolete quickly, and, like most others, this one needs an update. For example, it covers only sulfonyl ureas, not even mentioning the three newer classes of diabetes drugs. Stringer reminds the reader constantly that her book is not complete, and that it should be supplemented by other material, and she's right. At times its coverage is a bit skimpy, especially on side effects, and it has little discussion about recent trends in treatment options (e.g., that barbiturates are being phased out in favor of the less toxic benzodiazapines). Still it's an excellent starting point and emphasizes well what's most important versus what's less so. One minor quibble is that the editing on this book needs to be tighter - there are quite a few grammatical errors, such as confusing the contraction "it's" with the possessive "its". But this is a minor quibble over a book that is an excellent starting point for reviewing pharmacology for the USMLE step 1.

This book is great for the adrenergics and cholinergics. In other areas it is a good foundation, but you need to fill in the details. It gives good suggestions on name recognition - which is invaluable in pharm. It is worth the money, but you can't use it as your only source. It is an excellent building block though.

I am really pleased with this book, I am doing a course by correspondance and there is so much material to cover; this book has provided a logical framework to work from. I particularly like the way key information highlighted in text boxes. The price is very reasonable for the amount of information included in the book.

This was a suggested book for pharm/rad class - glad I got it - it helped make sense of the textbook.

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