

BOOK REVIEW

Proprietes Pharmacocinetiques Des Medicaments

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Published in French, this book is an interesting synopsis of Pharmacokinetic properties for active drugs in different therapeutic areas. It's format allows an easy access to intrinsic parameters of drugs only at a quick glance. Factors that may affect these characteristics are also reported in a concise manner.

The information, although basic, is precise, complete and well documented. The effects of population (gender, age), diet and pathologic situations (eg: renal failure) are summarized in tables when applicable. When metabolic pathways are involved in toxicokinetics or Pharmacodynamics they are emphasized.

All the details of the pharmacokinetic behavior, for any particular therapeutic area, are presented under the same rigid format in which the parameters for a specific active substance are readily accessible.

The key to this valuable work is the availability of the information and the speed at which it can be retrieved. Both qualities should be very appealing to the health care practitioner, the researcher and the scientist.

We regret that this well written publication is at the moment only available in the French language.

With a book of this quality it is highly likely that new editions will be needed in due course. In preparing new editions we would suggest that topics such as chirality in Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics should receive specific coverage.