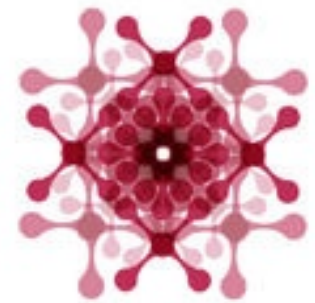


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# Preface

*R*oach's *Introductory Clinical Pharmacology* is one in a series of texts designed to assist beginning nursing students in acquiring a foundation of basic nursing theory and for developing clinical skills. Many publishers give you choices of texts offering information on drug action and activity. Yet, this text is uniquely written *by nurses for nurses* in easy-to-read language, not only to teach the novice provider about the drugs but also to role model how to relay this information to patients.

## TEXT ORGANIZATION

The 11th edition of *Roach's Introductory Clinical Pharmacology* is organized into 13 units. Specific changes within these units include:

- **Unit 1: Nursing Foundation of Clinical Pharmacology**—Introduction to the new FDA drug labeling system for pregnancy, lactation, and reproduction as well as better clarity to the connection between math concepts and dosage calculation in [Chapter 3](#).
- **Unit 2: Drugs Used to Fight Infections**—Antibacterial chapters ([Chapters 6 to 9](#)) group the drugs according to what they do to a bacterial cell. This presentation helps in understanding how the different classes are similar and what to look for in terms of similar actions or adverse reactions. Highlight of combination drugs used with diseases such as TB or HIV ([Chapters 10 and 11](#)) emphasizes methods to increase adherence to drug therapy and improving quality of life. [Chapter 11](#) includes the expanding number of drugs to treat once acute illness (such as HIV and Hep C) shifting care to that of chronic conditions.
- **Unit 3: Drugs Used to Manage Pain**—Greater emphasis on learning pain-assessment strategies as well as the drugs for pain relief is threaded through [Chapters 13 to 15](#). Inclusion of information on medical marijuana—written with neither the intent to support nor dismiss the use of marijuana—for conditions such as pain management. Rather, as nurses we need to agree that many of our patients will have used this drug for medical or recreational purposes. Therefore, it is important to provide knowledge of this drug and its uses as well as its effects and interactions. Many nurses never enter the operating room suites, therefore [Chapter 17](#) is written for a better understanding about the effects of anesthetics used in the surgical arena to effectively treat patients and teach family members postoperatively when you are most likely to deal with reactions produced by these drugs.
- **Unit 4: Drugs That Affect the Central Nervous System**—When patients become stressed, mental health issues may surface. This can be a surprising experience for providers in non-psychiatric settings such as acute med-surg floors. The chapters of this unit provide explanation and information to help reduce the stigma associated with patients labeled with a psychiatric diagnosis.
- **Unit 5: Drugs That Affect the Peripheral Nervous System**—Repetition and clarification of terminology in all chapters in this unit help students

understand the importance of the neurologic system in many facets of drug therapy.

- **Unit 6: Drugs That Affect the Neuromuscular System**—Drug reclassification of *anticonvulsant* to *antiepileptic* terminology provides consistency in AED understanding and treatment.
- **Unit 7: Drugs That Affect the Respiratory System**—Over-the-counter products make self-treatment for respiratory conditions a growing concern. Both drugs and strategies for patient teaching are updated in these chapters.
- **Unit 8: Drugs That Affect the Cardiovascular System**—Encouraging students to use their skills at concept mapping with Pharmacology in Practice Case Studies in each chapter, helps the student to discover the poly pharmacology issues when cardiac medications are prescribed with most any other category of drug.
- **Unit 9: Drugs That Affect the Gastrointestinal System**—Biologics used to treat inflammatory bowel diseases are listed in [Chapter 41](#) as well as strategies for self-treatment of both upper and lower gastrointestinal issues.
- **Unit 10: Drugs That Affect the Endocrine System**—Expansion of antidiabetic medications is provided in [Chapter 42](#), which corresponds with the rise of patients being diagnosed with diabetes.
- **Unit 11: Drugs That Affect the Urinary System**—Clarity of new information to help patients remain safe while using medications supporting healthy aging is included in [Chapter 47](#).
- **Unit 12: Drugs That Affect the Immune System**—New information on biologic and targeted drug therapies for multiple chronic conditions as well as updated immunization schedules in easy-to-read versions makes information suitable to share with patients.
- **Unit 13: Drugs That Affect Other Body Systems**—[Chapter 54](#) includes more information on intravenous therapy as well as how to use equal analgesic conversion charts to prepare patients for good pain management when medications change from IV to oral routes.

## FEATURES

Written with patient outcomes in mind, complex concepts are introduced in simplified language, helping learners to grasp concepts quicker and to use patient teaching information right from the text leading to better understanding on the part of the patient and adherence to treatment strategies.

### Benefit to the Instructor

The basic explanations presented in the text are *not* intended to suggest that pharmacology is an easy subject. As we know it, drug therapy is one of the most important and complicated treatment modalities in modern health care. This text is written to help you *teach* the latest pharmacologic information available by including:

- Clear, concise language to introduce learners to the basics of pharmacology.
- Presentation of drugs in a way to make integration of this text into concept-based curricula seamless and effortless.
- Comprehensive bibliography entries that link the text to the latest evidence-based information and practice.

The new, or improved, features that make this the best pharmacology text for teaching your students include:

- Nursing diagnoses, which are updated to 2015–2017 NANDA-I terminology.
- Special features such as *Alerts* and *Considerations*, which include information to care for a more diverse patient population.
- Removal of old drug brand names that have lost their exclusive patents and confuse learners when used.
- New to this edition are Concept Mastery Alerts, which clarify fundamental nursing concepts to improve the reader's understanding of potentially confusing topics, as identified by Misconception Alerts in Lippincott's Adaptive Learning Powered by prepU. Data from thousands of actual students using this program in courses across the United States identified common misconceptions for the authors to clarify in this new feature.

### Benefit to the Student

As a novice provider, this text gives you the introduction you need to begin your journey to gain knowledge and competently practice medication management.

This text is written to help you *learn* the latest pharmacologic information available by including:

- Drug therapy explained uniquely from a nursing perspective.
- Connection of drug therapy to the basic nursing theory you are learning in your nursing curriculum.
- Presentation in an easy-to-read and follow format that helps you understand the drugs and their effects on the human body, which in turn motivates you to continue to learn more about this subject independently and helps you to provide better care, educate patients, and improve outcomes.
- A nursing process section in each chapter that uses a familiar step-by-step method to show how medications are used in the care of patients. Elements of the nursing process—assessment, analysis, planning, intervention, and evaluation—illustrate basic and practical nursing skills to help people understand the treatment, to meet their health care needs, and to improve adherence to treatment, all designed for better patient outcomes.
- Medication calculation using principles of safe practice rather than mathematical formulas used in traditional math classes. Learning focuses on reducing medication errors that result from mathematical mistakes rather than on the traditional arithmetic exercises.
- Seven patients introduced in [Chapter 5](#), whose health issues are woven into subsequent chapters in order to build a story of how drugs impact real people. Your ability to use outcome strategies and communicate what you do to support patient and family confidence in learning self-management skills of medication administration is highlighted using health literacy principles and appreciation of cultural diversity using one of these seven patients individually featured in each chapter.
- Specific quiz review items that are directly linked to the latest NCLEX test plan.
- A list of abbreviations on the inside back cover for easy reference.
- Informational data to construct concept maps of the case study patients when used in conjunction with the *Study Guide to Accompany Roach's Introductory Clinical Pharmacology*, 11th Edition, providing you opportunities to identify potential drug–drug interactions.

## What My Nursing Experiences Offer in this Text

To learn skills one needs repetitive practice, and nurses gain this in the clinical setting. This means as elders we must step aside so that new nurses may gain

that experience. Retiring from paid clinical positions does not mean we stop learning; I now gain teaching experience as a volunteer scripted/standardized patient in the Nursing Simulation Center at Swedish RN Residency Program and learn about patient experiences as a volunteer facilitator in chronic illness workshops at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington. I hear directly what new nurses and patients need in our ever-changing health care systems. These experiences help me to appreciate what novice nurses need in their pharmacologic education and how patients understand what we say as we communicate about drugs in our interventions and teaching. This text is a blending of this newly gained insight with well over 40 years of nursing practice and teaching experience in mental health, acute care, operating room, ambulatory care, home health, and hospice settings, as well as holding nursing certification in areas such as oncology, medical-surgical clinical nurse specialist, and as a certified nurse educator.

## **As You Learn and Enter Practice**

You may find that certain drugs or drug dosages described in this publication may no longer be available. Likewise, there may be new drugs on the market that were not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at the time of publication. With the availability of computers, smart phones, and other Internet resources, current information is always there for verification of any drug question and should be checked when you do have a question before administering a drug. Don't forget that your colleagues, clinical pharmacists, and primary health care providers are also resources for information concerning a specific drug including dosage, adverse reactions, contraindications, precautions, interactions, or administration.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES

To facilitate mastery of this text's content, a comprehensive teaching and learning package has been developed to assist faculty and students.



### Resources for Instructors

Tools to assist you with teaching your course are available upon adoption of this text at <http://thePoint.lww.com/Ford11e>

- A **Test Generator** lets you put together exclusive new tests from a bank containing hundreds of questions to help you in assessing your students' understanding of the material. Test questions link to chapter learning objectives.
- **PowerPoint Presentations** provide an easy way for you to integrate the textbook with your students' classroom experience, either via slide shows or handouts. Multiple-choice and true/false questions are integrated into the presentations to promote class participation and allow you to use i-clicker technology.
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- **Case Studies** with related questions (and suggested answers) give students an opportunity to apply their knowledge to a client case similar to one they might encounter in practice.
- **Pre-Lecture Quizzes** (and answers) are quick, knowledge-based assessments that allow you to check students' reading.
- **Guided Lecture Notes** walk you through the chapters, objective by objective.
- **Discussion Topics** (and suggested answers) can be used as conversation starters or in online discussion boards.
- Plus **Syllabi, Lesson Plans, QSEN Competency Maps, and Assignments.**

### Resources for Students

An exciting set of free resources is available to help students review material and become even more familiar with vital concepts. Students can access all these resources at <http://thePoint.lww.com/Ford11e> using the codes printed in the front of their textbooks.

- **NCLEX-Style Review Questions** for each chapter help students review important concepts and practice for the NCLEX.
-  **Concepts in Action Animations** bring pharmacology concepts to life.
-  **Watch & Learn Video Clips** explain how to prepare unit dose-packaged medications as well as administering oral medication, subcutaneous injections, and intramuscular injections. (Icons in the textbook direct readers to relevant videos.)
- **Journal Articles** provided for each chapter offer access to current research available in Wolters Kluwer journals.
- Plus **Learning Objectives, Drug Monographs, Carrington Professional Guide, Dosage Calculation Quizzes**, and an **Audio Glossary**.

## Study Guide

The *Study Guide to Accompany Roach's Introductory Pharmacology*, 11th Edition, offers exercises, puzzles, and multiple-choice questions to quiz your pharmacologic knowledge. In the 11th edition, the same seven patients as the text are included to continue the real-life case studies connected to situations in the text. Concept mapping templates are provided to help you learn visually as you go. These maps, which correlate to each of the text case study patients, give you a visual method to see drug–drug interactions, and anticipate problems of polypharmacy as you follow the stories of these seven patients in the text and study guide.



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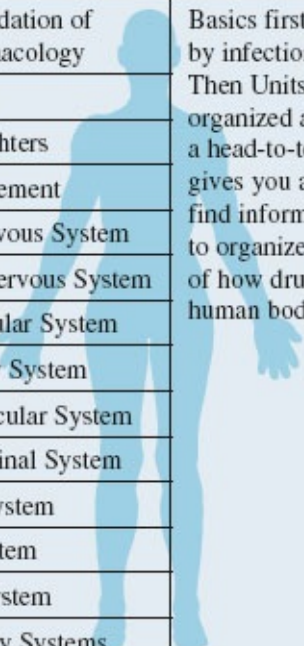
# User's Guide

## UNIT STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

Learners are more successful when they know *how* to use the text as well as what is in the text. Here are some quick tips on how to use your text more effectively. Thirteen units offer 54 chapters providing information in learnable segments that are not overwhelming to the learner. Organization of the text in this manner allows you to move about the chapters easily when these specific areas of content are covered in your program curriculum.

The text starts with the basic fundamentals of drug therapy. Then units about infection and pain, followed by units about drugs related to different body systems. These units are written in a head-to-toe sequence, making the specific drugs easier to find.

Learning about drug therapy is easier when you can connect the information with life-like clinical experiences. In [Chapter 5](#) you will be introduced to a group of clients in the clinic setting. Their stories establish for you a context in which to begin learning about the selected drugs and their real-world application.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| I—Nursing Foundation of Clinical Pharmacology |  <p>Basics first, followed by infection and pain. Then Units IV to XIII are organized and presented in a head-to-toe fashion. This gives you an easier way to find information as well as to organize understanding of how drugs affect the human body.</p> |
| <i>The Drug Units</i>                         |  |
| II—Infection Fighters                         |  |
| III—Pain Management                           |  |
| IV—Central Nervous System                     |  |
| V—Peripheral Nervous System                   |  |
| VI—Neuromuscular System                       |  |
| VII—Respiratory System                        |  |
| VIII—Cardiovascular System                    |  |
| IX—Gastrointestinal System                    |  |
| X—Endocrine System                            |  |
| XI—Urinary System                             |  |
| XII—Immune System                             |  |
| XIII—Other Body Systems                       |  |



## BEGINNING OF THE CHAPTER

The chapter opening page is designed to guide you, the learner, in organizing your study routine as you learn the essential elements of drug therapy in each chapter.

### **Learning Objectives**

These define what you will learn in a specific chapter. Review the objectives first to help you understand what you need to learn after reading the chapter.

### **Key Terms**

With accompanying definitions, the Key Terms help you build your vocabulary. Look for **bold type** in the text at first mention of the word in the chapter to remind you of the definition.

### **Drug Classes**

This gives you a sense of how drugs are grouped according to similar properties. Learning these groupings helps you identify potential errors and safety concerns.

### **Pharmacology in Practice**

Each chapter features a case study individual dealing with an issue related to drugs featured in the chapter. Scenarios focus on assessment, administration, or teaching issues that have an impact on real-life patients. Their stories help you to focus your attention on the concepts important to patient care.

# Antiviral Drugs

## Key Terms

**circumoral** circling or surrounding the mouth

**highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)** multiple drugs used together for treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection

**coat cell** a live cell that is part of an animal whose a virus embeds itself to reproduce

**retinitis** inflammation of the retina of the eyeball

**retrovirus** virus that uses RNA as its primary component instead of DNA

**unlabeled use** use of a drug to treat a condition that is not officially approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

## Learning Objectives

On completion of this chapter, the student will:

1. Discuss the uses, general drug actions, adverse reactions, contraindications, precautions, and interactions of antiviral drugs.
2. Discuss important preadministration and ongoing assessment activities the nurse should perform on the patient receiving an antiviral/antiretroviral drug.
3. List nursing diagnoses particular to a patient taking an antiviral drug.
4. List possible goals for a patient taking an antiviral/antiretroviral drug.
5. Discuss ways to promote an optimal response to therapy and manage adverse reactions, and special considerations to keep in mind when educating the patient and the family about the antiviral/antiretroviral drugs.



## Drug Classes

### Antivirals

- Anti-herpes agents
- HIV and HCV agents
- Influenza agents, neuraminidase inhibitor (NAI)

### Antiretrovirals

- Protease inhibitors
- Nucleoside/nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTI)
- Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTI)
- Entry inhibitors
- Integrase inhibitors



## Pharmacology In Practice

Mr. Park, 75 years old, lives alone at home. One day, as he was working in the garden, Mr. Park fell. He lay in the garden with a fractured hip for about 2 hours before he was found. This event, compounded with other aspects of living alone, initiated an outbreak of herpes zoster (shingles). Consider this event so you read about medications that reduce the symptoms of viral diseases.

Many people still believe bacteria can be treated by drug therapy, yet a virus cannot. In the last decade, scientific breakthroughs have produced a number of antiviral medications. In some cases, these drugs have turned life-threatening viral infections (such as



## DRUG INFORMATION

### Consistent Framework

Each chapter presents the drugs in such a way that you learn to recognize and respond to patient questions quickly and accurately. Illustrated concepts guide you as each chapter features information about the drug class in a logical and sequential order as **Action, Uses, and Adverse Reactions**—the concepts you, the nurse, deal with on a consistent basis. This is followed by **Contraindications, Precautions, and Interactions**—all items typically reviewed earlier and considered by other health providers, yet at the same time important for you to know to provide safe drug administration to your patients.

### Special Features

Special features are sprinkled throughout the text to direct you to priority information about the drugs or individuals who will receive the drugs.

#### **Nursing Alerts**

Quickly identify urgent nursing actions in the management of the patient receiving a specific drug or drug category.

#### **Lifespan Considerations**

Draw your attention to specific populations at risk or needing specific administration considerations (e.g., gerontology and pediatric). Because texts are written dealing specifically with obstetrical and pediatric patients, the primary focus of these alerts is for geriatric patients, or when specific populations (e.g., women of childbearing age or transgender persons) take a medication that will interact differently than the general population.


#### **Drug Interaction Tables**


A quick visual scan of these tables can tell you if a patient is likely to have a problem when multiple drugs are given. Using these tables as you construct concept maps on the case study patients in each chapter will help you identify harmful interactions, before you see them happen in practice.

#### **Herbal Considerations**


Provide information on herbs and complementary and alternative remedies

used by patients under your care. Additional information is provided in [Appendix D](#) where examples of a number of natural products are provided.

 **NURSING ALERT**  
Stimulants enhance dopamine transmission to areas of the brain that interpret well-being. To maintain pleasurable feelings, people continue the use of stimulants, which leads to their abuse and the potential for addiction.

 **Lifespan Considerations**  
**Pediatrics**  
Severely ill children infected with influenza show significant improvement and decreased mortality when treated within 48 hours of flu symptom recognition with neuraminidase inhibitor (NAI) drugs.

| Interacting Drug             | Common Use                              | Effect of Interaction            |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Cephalosporins               | Anti-infective agent                    | Increased risk of nephrotoxicity |
| Loop diuretics (water pills) | Management of edema and water retention | Increased risk of ototoxicity    |

 **Herbal Considerations**  
Willow bark has a long history of use as an analgesic from early Egyptians to members of various Native American tribes. Willow trees or shrubs grow in moist



## NURSING PROCESS AND DRUG THERAPY

Uniquely presented, nursing actions regarding drug information are provided in the context of a nurse's clinical practice. The nursing process is featured as a practical guide to connect patients and drug therapy.

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Assessment</b>            | Here are the questions to ask for the information needed both before and during drug therapy.   |
| <b>Analysis and Planning</b> | Frequently seen <b>Nursing Diagnoses</b> are listed and suggested outcomes for patient responses to specific drugs or drug therapy.   |
| <b>Implementation</b>        | <b>Promoting an Optimal Response</b><br>Gives you specific information to use for effective and safe administration.<br><b>Monitoring and Managing Patient Needs</b><br>Gives you a number of strategies to use in your practice as a nurse to help patients deal with the drugs they are taking.<br><b>Educating the Patient and Family</b><br>LPN/LVNs are the first and often primary contacts in community settings (e.g., assisted living, long-term care, clinics, and offices). You will be the one to teach and provide information to patients and families about the drugs. Here are practical tools and methods to help you work with people to be sure they are taking medications correctly and watching for signs and symptoms. |
| <b>Evaluation</b>            | Bulleted lists highlight important measures and help you decide whether the strategies you use provide the best outcomes while building confidence in your patient's abilities to adhere to medication plans.   |

## END OF THE CHAPTER

Here is where you determine what you have learned from reading each chapter. Information is summarized in an easy-to-read format, giving you the opportunity to demonstrate what you learned by applying information in the chapter case study. Once you review the chapter, use the review questions to demonstrate your skill as you would when you take the NCLEX examination.

### **Pharmacology in Practice: Think Critically**

Each chapter ends with a return to the case study patient. Realistic patient care situations help learners apply the material contained in the chapter by exploring options and making clinical judgments related to the administration of drugs. The case histories of seven patients are used, and different aspects of care are presented in different chapters like puzzle pieces, making connections for learners to appreciate the complex issues in providing care to both individuals and families. Coupled with information from the *Study Guide to Accompany Roach's Introductory Clinical Pharmacology* the learner is encouraged to map out patient problems discovering potential complications or areas for improved patient care.

### **Key Points**

Key points are summarized and the important concepts of the chapter are listed to help you determine if you have mastered the learning objectives.

### **Summary Drug Tables**

Conveniently placed, these tables provide a list of drugs from the classes discussed in each chapter. Current names (generic and, when appropriate, brand names), uses, frequent adverse reactions, and general dosing information are given in an accessible, easy-to-read format.

- ✓ Follow the directions supplied with the prescription regarding taking the drugs with meals or on an empty stomach. Take drugs that must be taken on an empty stomach 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal.
- ✓ Distinguish between immediate- and extended-release medications. Do not break, chew, or crush extended-release medications.
- ✓ Notify the primary health care provider if symptoms of the infection become worse or if original symptoms do not improve after 5 to 7 days of drug therapy.
- ✓ Avoid eye exposure to sunlight or ultraviolet light (tanning beds, sunlamps) while taking these drugs and for several weeks after completing the course of therapy. Wear sunblock, sunglasses, and protective clothing when exposed to sunlight.
- ✓ Avoid tasks requiring mental alertness until response to the drug is known.

#### Specific Instructions Regarding Sulfonamides

- ✓ Take sulfonamide (Acetolide) with food or immediately after a meal.
- ✓ When taking sulfasalazine, the skin or urine may turn orange-yellow; this is normal. Soft contact lenses may acquire a permanent yellow stain. It is a good idea to seek the advice of an optometrist regarding disposable lenses while taking this drug.

#### EVALUATION

- Therapeutic response is achieved, and there is no evidence of infection.
- Adverse reactions are identified, reported to the primary health care provider, and managed successfully with appropriate nursing interventions:
  - Patient maintains an adequate fluid intake for proper urinary elimination.
  - Skin is intact and free of inflammation, irritation, infection, or ulcerations.
  - No evidence of infection is seen.
- Patient and family express confidence and demonstrate an understanding of the drug regimen.



#### Pharmacology in Practice

##### TAKE CRITICALLY

Information from the assessment can help you determine whether Mrs. Moore's confusion is an ongoing problem or caused by her current illness. What questions will you ask her? What about other family members? Are there specific lab tests that will help you understand her confusion better? When her urinalysis comes back from the lab showing 3+ for bacteria, how does that influence your assessment?

#### KEY POINTS

- Infections occur when pathogenic microorganisms breach our natural defenses, such as the skin.
- Culture and sensitivity testing helps to identify the best drug for eradicating the bacterial infection.
- Sulfonamides are primarily bacterostatic; they slow or retard the multiplication of bacteria, not destroy it.
- Sulfonamides are used primarily for UTIs and as topical preparations.
- Persons taking sulfonamides need to increase fluid intake to at least 2000 mL to prevent genitourinary problems caused by the drug. Because kidney function diminishes as we age, there is an increased danger of renal damage and fluid increase is even more important with the elderly.
- Photosensitivity is an adverse reaction of sulfonamides; people taking these drugs should lessen outdoor activities or take care to protect their skin while outdoors.



#### SUMMARY DRUG TABLE

##### Sulfonamides

| Generic Name                             | Trade Name                    | Uses   | Adverse Reactions  | Usage Notes  |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Single Agents</b>                     |                               |  |  |  |
| <b>Acetolide</b><br>sulfahydroxide       |                               | UTI, otitis media, acute otitis media, meningitis, influenza and rheumatic fever | Vomiting, headache, diarrhea, dizziness, fever, anorexia, crystalluria, stomatitis, uric acid, pruritus, hematologic changes, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, leukopenia | Loading dose: 2–4 g orally; maintenance dose: 2–4 g/day orally in 4–6 divided doses                                      |
| <b>as Sulfasalazine</b><br>sulfasalazine | Acetidine, Acutidine, Disalaz | UTI, acute otitis media, UTI, influenza  | Same as sulfonamide; may cause skin and urine to turn orange-yellow  | Initial therapy: 1–4 g/day orally in divided doses; maintenance dose: 2 g/day orally in evenly spaced doses (800 mg QID) |

## CHAPTER REVIEW

### Know Your Drugs

Use the matching exercise to identify drug names and connect generic with brand names to help you recognize the potential for and prevention against using the wrong drug.

### Calculate Medication Dosages

Practice the math skills to learn accurate drug dosing and recognize the potential for error, thus ensuring that you give the correct dose.

### Prepare for the NCLEX

Here questions allow you to test your knowledge of the material.

1. **Build Your Knowledge**—information- and fact-based questions are presented to get you “warmed up” to apply what you’ve learned.
2. **Apply Your Knowledge**—keyed to the latest NCLEX-PN test plan (see examples in [Appendix H](#)), these application and analysis questions about concepts in the chapter help you apply what you’ve learned as well as prepare for the NCLEX examination.
3. **Alternate-Format Questions**—provide you experience in applying what you’ve learned in a different manner.

**Special Features** Questions are structured like the NCLEX examination. The design helps you become familiar with the language and format of NCLEX testing.

**Patient or Client** In this section of each chapter, you see wording change from “patient” to “client.” In your course of study the terms *patient*, *resident*, *consumer*, or *client* may be used. The change is intentional and designed to help you recognize the interchange of words so you may adapt to testing format more easily.

**Numbered (1, 2, 3, 4) Distractors** The NCLEX provides a single question on a computer screen. The options you are given are listed as numbers. Distractor options in these questions are labeled 1, 2, 3, 4 instead of A, B, C, D—again, to simulate the NCLEX examination.

## CHAPTER REVIEW

### Know Your Drugs

Client educators know a medication by its brand (or trade) name and not the generic name. To help you recognize both names, match the brand name with the generic name of the same medication.

| Generic Name                   | Brand Name   |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. ceftriaxone                 | A. Augmentin |
| 2. ibuprofen                   | B. Vicodin   |
| 3. amoxicillin/clavulanic acid | C. Zynrelis  |
| 4. roxithromycin               | D. Vibrio    |

### Calculate Medication Dosages

1. A client is prescribed amoxicillin in oral suspension. The drug is reconstituted in a solution of 250 mg/5 mL. The primary health care provider prescribes 500 mg of the amoxicillin. The caregiver insists on using a syringe to administer the drug. Answer the following questions: How much amoxicillin will 1 teaspoon contain? How many milliliters (mL) were ordered, and what is the conversion to teaspoons (how much should the nurse teach the caregiver to administer)?
2. The health care provider at the Sunset Assisted Clinic prescribes 1 g of ceftriaxone (Rocephin) for postural osteoarthritis. Ceftriaxone is available in a solution of 250 mg/1 mL. What amount of ceftriaxone would the nurse prepare? Could this be given in one IM injection?

### Prepare for the NGLEX

#### BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Bacterial cells are different from human cells because they:
  1. have a cell wall
  2. synthesize DNA and RNA
  3. contain a beta-lactam ring
  4. contain proteins
2. Cephalosporins are divided into "generations" according to:
  1. when they were discovered
  2. their administration method
  3. manufacturer's preference
  4. sensitivity to microorganisms
3. A client taking oral penicillin reports he has a sore mouth. On inspection, the nurse notes a white, fuzzy tongue and bright red oral mucous membranes. The primary care provider is notified immediately because these symptoms may be caused by:
  1. a vitamin C deficiency
  2. a superinfection

3. an allergic reaction
  4. poor oral hygiene
4. The nurse correctly administers penicillin V:
    1. 1 hour before or 2 hours after meals
    2. without regard to meals
    3. with meals to prevent GI upset
    4. every 3 hours around the clock
  5. When giving a cephalosporin by the IM route, the nurse tells the client that:
    1. a stinging or burning sensation and soreness at the site may be experienced
    2. the injection site will be sore for several days
    3. all injections will be given in the same area
    4. the injection will not cause any discomfort
  6. The nurse observes a client taking a cephalosporin for common cold virus infections, which include \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. hypertension, dizziness, uricemia
    2. nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
    3. skin rash, constipation, headache
    4. body aches, pruritus, tinnitus
  7. After administering penicillin in an outpatient setting, the nurse:
    1. asks the client to wait 30 to 45 minutes before leaving the clinic
    2. instructs the client to report any numbness or tingling of the extremities
    3. keeps pressure on the injection site for 30 minutes
    4. asks the client to wait in the area for at least 30 minutes

#### APPLY YOUR KNOWLEDGE

8. \*When reviewing a client's culture and sensitivity test results, the nurse learns that the bacteria causing the infection are sensitive to penicillin. The nurse interprets this result to mean that:
  1. the client is allergic to penicillin
  2. penicillin will be effective in treating the infection
  3. penicillin will not be effective in treating the infection
  4. the test must be repeated to obtain accurate results
9. \*A nurse asks if the client is allergic to penicillin before the first dose of the cephalosporin is given. The rationale for this question is that persons allergic to penicillin \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. are usually allergic to most antibiotics
  2. require priority to antibiotic therapy
  3. require higher doses of other antibiotics
  4. have a higher incidence of allergy to the cephalosporins

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# UNIT 1

## Nursing Foundation of Clinical Pharmacology

**A**s you become a nurse, you will realize that medication management is one of the most significant tasks of your practice. Individuals rely heavily on the knowledge and instruction of nurses to learn how to become good managers of their own health care needs. When you work in an institutional setting, the patients rely on nurses to accurately administer and monitor medications to keep them safe and promote health. Both situations require a competent nursing professional who has a strong foundation of clinical pharmacology.

Unit 1 provides you with the foundation for understanding pharmacology in the context of nursing clinical practice. Three of the five chapters in this unit specifically discuss concepts focal to nursing: drug administration, nursing process, and patient teaching. The general principles of pharmacology and the mathematics involved in dosage calculation are concepts used by all providers. These concepts are included in their own chapters. Here is a brief summary of the content in each chapter of Unit 1.

Basic principles are covered in [Chapter 1](#), beginning with how drugs are derived from natural sources, such as plants, or made synthetically. Other key concepts include facts about drug categories and the differences between a prescription drug (those given under the supervision of a licensed health care provider) and a nonprescription drug (those obtained over the counter and designated as safe when taken as directed). Finally, you will gain an understanding of how drugs undergo a series of steps to be processed, utilized, and eliminated by the body—this is the basis for the study of pharmacology for health care providers.

Administration of a drug is primarily the responsibility of the nurse and is discussed in [Chapter 2](#). Nurses have the duty to safely provide patient care by correctly administering the medication prescribed by the primary health care

provider. This is achieved by learning and following the principles of drug administration, proper technique, and using medication systems correctly.

Your ability to correctly calculate mathematical problems is one of the most important steps in providing safe care to patients. Mastering steps in drug administration and delivery help to ensure accuracy in those math calculations. [Chapter 3](#) provides both the opportunity to practice calculations and an overview of the tasks that you will undertake to be sure drug doses are correct before administration.



Most patients experience problems of anxiety or lack knowledge regarding new medication routines. The nursing process is used to help members of the health care team provide effective patient care. This process is used to develop an individualized care and teaching plan for use when medications are ordered. Nursing process concepts are covered in [Chapter 4](#).

It is crucial that the patient understand the important information about the medication prescribed, including the dosage, how to take the medication, the expected effect, and adverse reactions. In [Chapter 5](#), components needed for successful patient teaching are described. Additionally, a group of individuals receiving nursing care in an ambulatory setting are introduced. Their stories are designed to help you understand how all this information is used in the nursing care of patients receiving drug therapy. You will learn how concepts are put into practice using case studies throughout the textbook.

By understanding the basic principles of pharmacology, you can build a sound knowledge base of the drugs used to help patients maintain their highest levels of wellness.

# General Principles of Pharmacology

## Learning Objectives

On completion of this chapter, the student will:

1. Define the term *pharmacology*.
2. Identify the different names assigned to drugs.
3. Distinguish between prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and controlled substances.
4. Discuss drug development in the United States.
5. Discuss the various types of drug activity and reactions produced in the body.
6. Identify factors that influence drug action.
7. Define drug tolerance, cumulative drug effect, and drug idiosyncrasy.
8. Discuss the types of drug interactions that may be seen with drug administration.
9. Discuss the nursing implications associated with drug actions, interactions, and effects.
10. Discuss the use of herbal medicines.

## Key Terms

**absorption** a drug is moved from site of administration to body fluids; first process during pharmacokinetics

**adverse reaction** undesirable drug effect

**allergic reaction** immediate hypersensitive reaction by the immune system; it presents as itching, hives, swelling, and difficulty breathing

**anaphylactic shock** sudden, severe hypersensitivity reaction with symptoms that progress rapidly and may result in death if not treated; also called *anaphylactic reaction* or *anaphylactoid reaction*

**angioedema** localized wheals or swellings in subcutaneous tissues or mucous membranes, which may be caused by an allergic response; also called *angioneurotic edema*

**controlled substances** drugs that have the potential for abuse and dependency, both physical and psychological

**cumulative drug effect** when the body is unable to metabolize and excrete one dose of a drug before the next is given

**complementary/alternative medicine (CAM)** group of diverse medical practices or products not presently part of conventional medicine

**distribution** drug moves from circulation to body tissue or a target site

**drug idiosyncrasy** any unusual or abnormal response that differs from the response normally expected to a specific drug and dosage

**drug tolerance** decreased response to a drug, requiring an increase in dosage to achieve the desired effect

**excretion** elimination of a drug from the body

**first-pass effect** action by which an oral drug is absorbed and carried directly to the liver, where it is inactivated by enzymes before it enters the general bloodstream

**half-life** time required for the body to eliminate 50% of a drug

**herbal medicine** type of complementary/alternative therapy that uses plants or herbs to treat various disorders; also called *herbalism*

**hypersensitivity** undesirable reaction produced by a normal immune system

**metabolism** drug is changed to a form that can be excreted

**metabolite** inactive form of the original drug

**nonprescription drugs** drugs designated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be safe (if taken as directed) and obtainable without a prescription; also called *over-the-counter* (OTC) drugs

**pharmaceutic** pertaining to the phase during which a drug dissolves in the body

**pharmacodynamics** study of the drug mechanisms that produce biochemical or physiologic changes in the body

**pharmacokinetics** study of drug transit (or activity) after administration

**physical dependency** habitual use of a drug, where negative physical withdrawal symptoms result from abrupt discontinuation

**prescription drugs** drugs the federal government has designated as

potentially harmful unless their use is supervised by a licensed health care provider, such as a nurse practitioner, physician, or dentist

**psychological dependency** compulsion or craving to use a substance to obtain a pleasurable experience

**receptor** *in pharmacology*, a reactive site on the surface of a cell; when a drug binds to and interacts with the receptor, a pharmacologic response occurs

**risk evaluation and mitigation strategies (REMS)** program of the FDA, designed to monitor drugs that have a high risk compared to benefit ratio

**teratogen** drug or substance that causes abnormal development of the fetus, leading to deformities

**toxic** poisonous or harmful

**P**armacology is the study of drugs and their action on living organisms. A sound knowledge of basic pharmacologic principles is essential for nurses to administer medications safely and monitor patients who receive these medications. The first task in learning about drug therapy is to understand how drugs are named. Once you understand this concept it will be easier to understand classes and categories of drugs, as well as federal regulations pertaining to drugs and how they are developed. This chapter presents a basic overview of the pharmacologic principles needed to understand medication administration. Lastly, it discusses **herbal medicines** as they relate to pharmacology.

Over the last century, drugs have changed the way health care providers treat patients. In the early 1900s, individuals died from infections and medical and surgical complications partly because of a lack of sanitary conditions and the fact that medicines used to combat infection did not exist at the time. The discovery of drug substances has changed an infection from being a death sentence into an acute or chronic health condition. Drug therapy also means that patients lacking certain substances in their bodies, such as insulin, or those diagnosed with cancerous tumors can now live long and productive lives.

Medications are either derived from natural sources, such as plants and minerals, or they are synthetically produced in a laboratory. An example of a drug derived from a natural source includes digitalis, which is an extract from