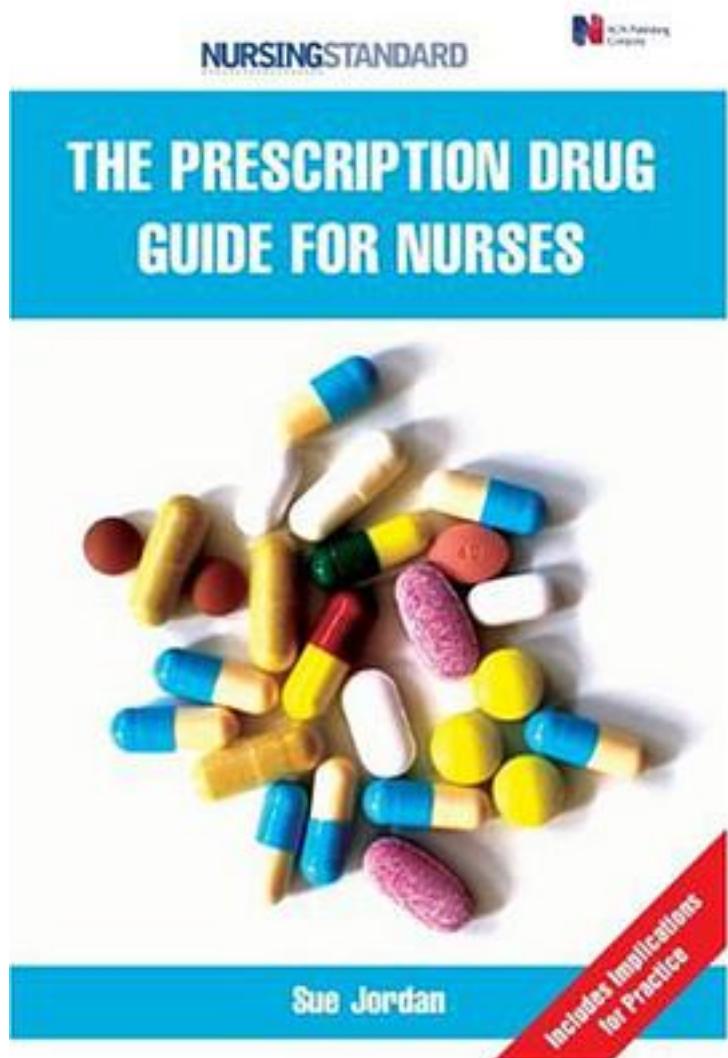


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'This book was written by a senior lecturer in health science with a great deal of input from nurses. It highlights the burden of treatment and is a resource for non-medical prescribers in identifying adverse drug reactions and for recognising definitions and classifications ...The sections on 'potential problems' and 'suggestions for prevention and management' were particularly enlightening. The book provides ideas for better patient consultations through discussions about medications and their effects' - "Nursing Standard". 'This likeable little book is a definite contribution to the field and should find a home in every ward, unit and hospital library shelf' - "International Emergency Nursing". Drug administration is one of the highest risk activities undertaken by nurses. This guide applies pharmacology directly to nursing practice. It offers practical nursing strategies to minimise the ill-health caused by adverse drug reactions. The guidelines given will help nurses to ensure that the efficacy of therapeutic treatment and patient safety are not compromised. "The Prescription Drug Guide for Nurses" is organised by drug type and presented in an easy-to-use reference format. It outlines the implications for practice of the following 20 different drug groups, including: ACE inhibitors; Antibacterial drugs; Anti-coagulants; Antidepressants; Anti-emetics; Anti-epileptic drugs; Antipsychotics; Beta blockers; Bronchodilators; Controlling gastric acidity; Corticosteroids; Cytotoxic drugs; Diuretics; Insulin; Laxatives; NSAIDs; Opioids; Oral anti-diabetic drugs; Thyroid and anti-thyroid drugs; and, Vasodilators (calcium channel blockers and nitrates). Each chapter details: drug actions, indications, administration, adverse effects, together with practice suggestions for monitoring and ameliorating adverse effects, followed by summaries of cautions/contra-indications and interactions. Also included are: drug index, idiosyncratic drug reactions and glossary. "The Prescription Drug Guide for Nurses" is ideal for use in practice as well as for students studying.

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