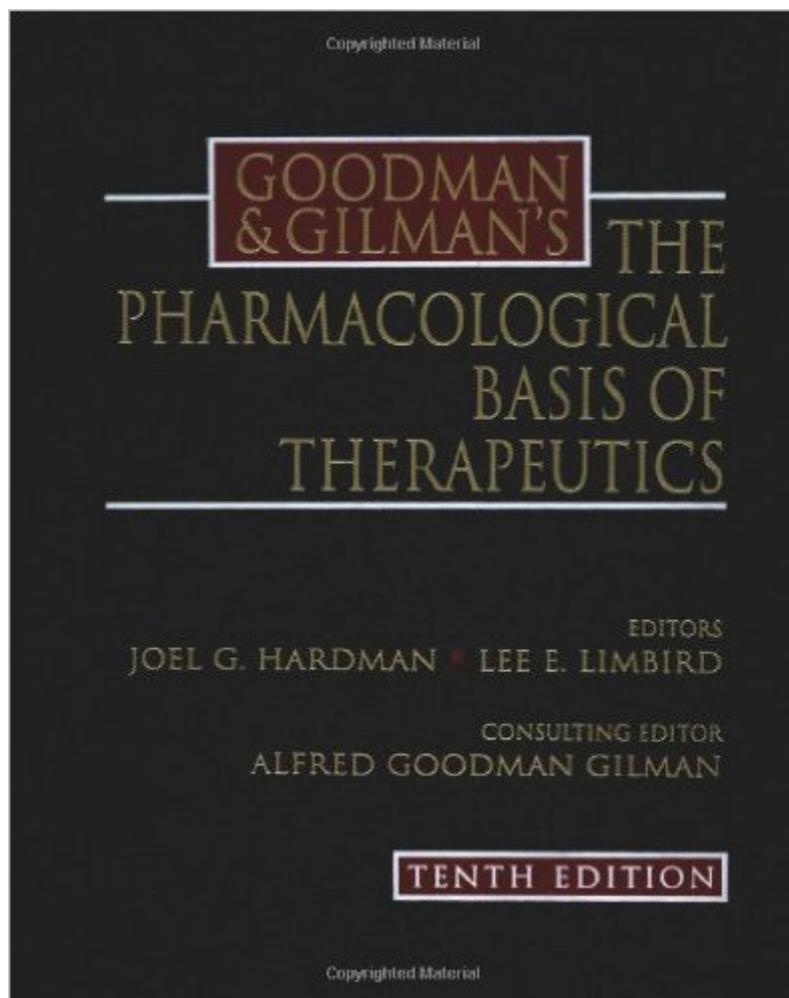


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~ ~This pharmacology book is solely responsible for my honors grades in pharmacology and on the national boards. All topics are covered comprehensively, with far greater clinical application than most pharmacology texts. The chapter organization makes sense, and it is well indexed. This was one of the few med school books I kept and used for years after leaving clinical medicine to go into research. I used the book for researching medications for family and myself - information on side effects and interactions was very good. There are almost no illustrations, and few charts, so it's not easy reading, but it is definitely worthwhile. -An MD- class of '84

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overwhelming. 2. As an intern/resident, you really don't have the time for such details either. A pocket guide comes in handy for your day-to-day work. This book is excellent for research purposes, especially for presentation at a conference, for pharmacists and pharmacologists, and for others directly involved in drug dispensing or manufacture.

"Goldman & Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics" is one brain toasting book. It reminds me of the "Principles of Pharmacology: Basic Concepts & Clinical Applications" (edited by Paul Munson). Of course, either of these two books can serve as a reference tool; and although the latter maintains a price advantage, 'Goldman & Gilman's' is more ubiquitous. It is rich, versatile, and presents well laid-out voluminous chapters. Anyone who reads this book will appreciate how it tackled General Therapeutics, Biochemistry, and Molecular Biology.

I am a country family practice physician and a UAMS clinical teacher. G&G has been THE basic pharmacology textbook since world war II. The ninth edition is the first that is not directly edited by the family team of Drs. Goodman, Gilman and Goodman Gilman. It is slightly different from previous editions and contains more illustrations with tables. Due to the constant changes in medicine, the new edition is a must! Keep your earlier edition and you will have the best of the old world of medicine and the new. Even after 15 years of practice, there is much to learn in this classic text. We will miss the Goodman-Gilman family but their tradition for excellence carries on.

Goodman & Gilman remains THE pharmacology textbook. The introduction to each section gives a welcome overview of, and feel for what is important. Detailed reading is necessary for the serious student - missing a single line can give a false impression of the intended meaning. Thorough explanations with detailed graphics provide deep understanding where the reader desires. Difficult at times but worth the effort.

I used this as a textbook for an undergraduate pharmacology class. While it is a very comprehensive book, and covers probably all you'd ever want to know and then some, about many drugs, it might just provide too much information for an introductory pharmacology class. Its not as if its hard to understand-I felt that the writing was clear enough, its just that there is so much information, its hard to pick out the important bits. I remember that in our class, we'd have random quizzes where we'd get lists of about twelve drugs and we'd have to summarize their actions. Now if you used Goodman and Gilman and you made flashcards, you'd probably have way more information than what the

professor expected on the quiz, and then if you did happen to remember some random facts that were mentioned in G&G you might not get credit because the facts were so obscure even the professor didn't remember them. I'd have preferred a textbook that outlined very briefly the system that the drugs were affecting, a concise picture of how they act, and then maybe one or two examples. This book just takes it too far. There are like twenty drugs explained in excruciating detail in each section that you forget what the class of drugs as a whole is supposed to do. Take home message: a great reference book, but it's just too dense to be used as a text book. I still use it though, from time to time, when I am checking out info on drugs my family, friends, or I am planning to take.

As a medical student I find the most complete books to be the most helpful; nothing is more painful than being asked a question by some physician to which you don't know the answer. G&G offers a well laid out and thoughtfully constructed format for learning about mechanisms of action, adverse reactions, et al; but it's extremely dense. NOT appropriate for board studying but great for a pharmacology course. I would recommend the Lange pharm series as well for any med student taking pharm.

The new edition of Goodman & Gilman's Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics is in the works, and should be ready by late August, 2001.

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