Handbook of Commonly Prescribed Pediatric Drugs

G. John DiGregorio, MD, PhD, Edward J. Barbieri, MD, Jeffrey C. Fahl, MD, and Mary Jacquette, MD (1988), Medical Surveillance, Inc., PO Box 1629, West Chester, PA 19380. 134 pp., $10.50.

This handbook is designed to provide physicians, nurses, medical residents, medical students, and allied health professionals with a concise reference source for drugs and drug names. It offers the therapist a starting point for identifying drugs, but a Physician's Desk Reference or other pharmacological reference should be consulted for more in-depth information.

Shirley A. Wells, MPH, OTR

Concise System of Orthopaedics and Fractures

A. Graham Apley and Louis Solomon (1988), Butterworths & Company, 80 Montvale Avenue, Stoneham, MA 02180. 330 pp., $32.95.

This book is divided into three parts: general orthopedics, regional orthopedics, and fractures and joint injuries. As an occupational therapist, I found the third section to be the most interesting part of the text. This book does not deal with occupational therapy theory or treatment, but it would be useful to occupational therapists as a reference tool or to occupational therapy students as a study aid.

Sharon Hall-Jerrom, OTR, SROT

Community Programs for the Health Impaired Elderly


This book contains a collection of articles that will assist occupational therapists in both direct service and program development. It was first published as Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics, Volume 6, Number 1. Each article addresses a separate aspect of services for the community-based elderly. This is an easy-to-read reference book occupational therapists can use to explore and develop techniques and programs to meet individual and community needs.

Karla W. Gray, MSW, OTR/L

Come and Sit by Me: Discussion Programs for Activity Specialists


Written for activity specialists and volunteer leaders, this book offers a variety of discussion topics for elderly persons who are withdrawn, depressed, bored, lonely, or physically limited. Ways to enhance the discussions through the provision of sensory stimulation are suggested. The wide range of topics discussed is arranged both alphabetically and by season. This book would be a time-saving reference for the activity specialist.

Tricia Behn, OTR

Counseling the Older Adult: A Training Manual in Clinical Gerontology (2nd ed.)

Patricia Alpaugh McDonald and Margaret Haney (1988), Lexington Books/D. C. Health and Company, 125 Spring Street, Lexington, MA 02173. 190 pp., $24.95.

This book is divided into three parts: the basic model, beyond the basics, and training, supervising, and implementing programs. The book is a how-to guide for counseling the older adult and should be used as such; it does not provide general principles or information on the subject. Persons interested in counseling older adults could use this manual, but assistance from a trained professional is also recommended.

Colleen Grady Yuskewich, OTR, MBA

A Piece of My Mind

Dr. Bruce B. Dan and Roxanne K. Young, Editors (1988), Feeling Fine Programs, Inc., 3575 Cahuenga Boulevard West, Los Angeles, CA 90068. 256 pp., $18.95.

This book is a collection of essays and letters that have appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Those included were judged to have aroused particular interest, vehement reaction, or unqualified support. They reflect the human side of medicine. The book is easy to read but heavy, because it touches the emotions and the heart. I encourage therapists to read it—You won't be able to put it down!

Marlys Mitchell, PhD, OTR, FAOTA

Hand Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy


This book is a monograph published simultaneously as Occupational Therapy in Health Care, Volume 4, Number 3/4. It is a compilation of articles addressing a wide range of topics in hand rehabilitation written by several leading therapists in the field of occupational therapy and hand rehabilitation. In keeping with the editors' goal, this book provides the hand therapist with articles on current treatment of hand dysfunction; it would be a useful supplement to hand rehabilitation textbooks.

Julie Walker, MA, OTR

Rehabilitation R&D Progress Reports (1988)

Department of Medicine and Surgery, The Veterans Administration (1988), Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, Office of Technology Transfer (110A1), VA Prosthetics R&D Center, 103 South Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. 419 pp., Free.

This book was designed for "professionals in the rehabilitation field who are either actively involved in research, contemplate such involvement or need to remain familiar with the direction and methods of current research and the clinical application of its results." Project progress reports are indexed in such categories as amputations and limb prostheses, orthotics, spinal cord injury, wheelchairs, independent living, assessments, head trauma and stroke, geriatrics, and sensory aids.

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