Drug Information

A Guide to Current Resources

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The number and types of resources available for drug information have increased dramatically since publication of the first edition of this book. The revised and updated second edition offers expert guidance in selecting the most appropriate sources and using them effectively. Designed for use as a self-study text, as a course text in more formal instruction programs, or as a refresher for the busy professional, the book includes valuable background data on legal and regulatory issues, as well as pharmaceutical technology. New to the second edition are chapters on regulatory sources online, industrial pharmacy, and market research and competitive intelligence databases. In addition to detailed annotations for 586 hardcopy and online sources, Snow provides comparative and evaluative commentary on their applications. This edition also incorporates discussion of more than 300 Web sites and core collection lists recommended for both hospital and public libraries. Practicum exercises, developed to encourage self-evaluation and review, illustrate 78 typical quick-reference problems and suggested solutions. Includes glossary and index. Praise for the Previous Edition: “... well-written, well-organized, and reasonably priced. I highly recommend its purchase since it can be used as a self-study text for those who want to learn more about drug information and as a quick-reference resource by those who already know about the subject.”

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