

**Shlafer / PHARMACOLOGY: PRE-TEST SELF-ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW,
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****Description****

The quality and diversity of the questions and responses in this 13th edition of a pharmacology review are markedly improved over previous editions.

****Purpose****

This book is designed to facilitate students' mastery of pharmacology required to pass course examinations and board certification examinations. Previous editions have been well received by students and this edition is significantly better.

****Audience****

It is intended for medical students, specifically to help them successfully complete of step 1 of USMLE. However, any healthcare professional student will find this helpful in the mastery of pharmacology for course examinations and board certification examinations.

****Features****

The 500 USMLE-type questions are appropriately divided amongst the subtopics taught in pharmacology courses and tested on board certification examinations. Most of the questions are clinical vignettes or scenarios, although some don't conform to the style or clarity of the USMLE questions. The explanations for each question are outstanding and all are referenced to Goodman and Gilman's *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*, 11th edition, Brunton et al. (McGraw Hill, 2006), or *Basic and Clinical Pharmacology*, 11th edition, Katzung et al. (McGraw Hill, 2009).

Significant improvements have been made in the integration of basic pharmacology content with basic information from preclinical disciplines, which is of great value for students who learn their pharmacology in an integrated curriculum. Students will find the table on generic drug name suffix of great value. Questions have been tested and reviewed by medical students in training.

Reviews by students have been outstanding.

****Assessment****

Students in the healthcare professions have numerous excellent resources to aid in their mastery of pharmacology for courses and board certification examinations. This is one of the more popular series that is well received by students.

Weighted Numerical Score: 83 - 3 Stars