

Preface

Drug therapy is the corner stone of the medical profession. As a medical student, resident, clinician, nurse, or pharmacist you are faced with a tremendous amount of information concerning drug therapy. In Canada it is often difficult to find a quick, convenient pharmaceutical reference that has relevant Canadian content.

I am proud to introduce the **Canadian Drug pocket**. This book is a pocket drug reference guide. A distinctly Canadian version of the already popular Drug pocket published in the US and Germany. The **Canadian Drug pocket** is unique among pocket reference guides. It includes information such as mechanisms of actions, effects, side effects and contraindications. As well as elimination half-lives, pregnancy risk categories and use during lactation. Most importantly it contains the active agents with their Canadian trade names and available forms, strengths, and recommended dosages.

I hope that this edition of the **Canadian Drug pocket** will be a useful clinical tool. It is a reference guide that is designed for the Canadian health professional. To assure continued improvement of the **Canadian Drug pocket**, any comments, criticisms, or additions would be greatly appreciated.

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