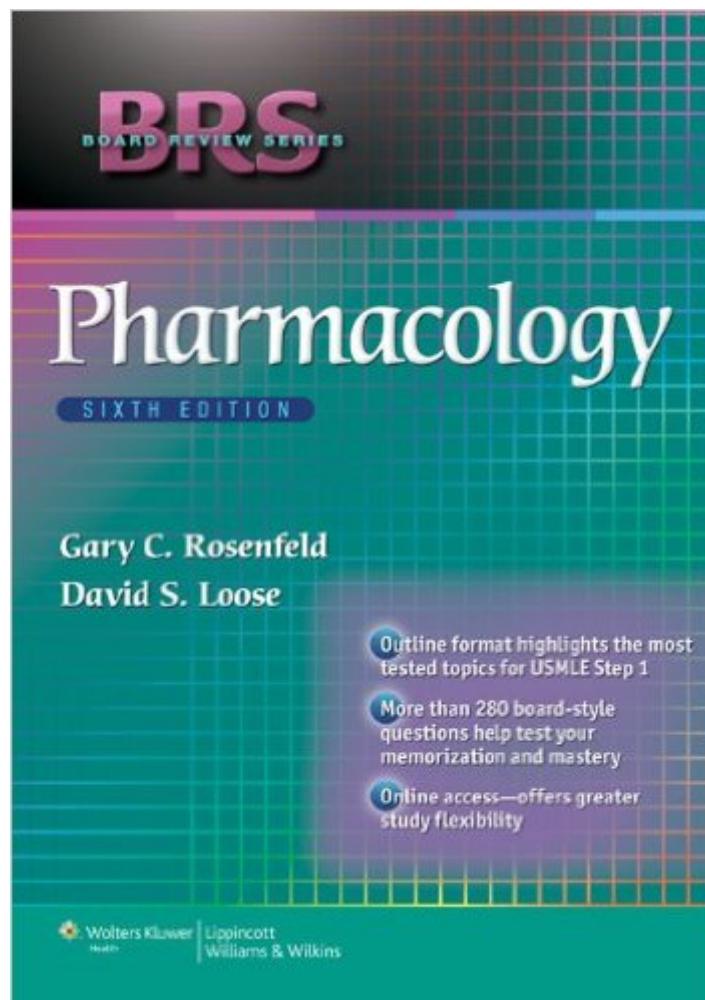


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# BRS Pharmacology (Board Review Series)



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I used this book as an MS-2 to supplement course work, as my sole text for the NBME Pharmacology Shelf and sole text for Step 1 pharmacology. Even as an MS-3 I do not leave home without this book so you can look forward to knowing that this book will continue to serve you well in the wards. Indeed, it presents a lot of material but in outline format and I found that I only really

needed to highlight a fraction of the book to really master pharmacology for the MS-II year, shelf, and Step. However, even as an MS-3, I continue to add highlights and annotations to the book and even further refine my knowledge in pharmacotherapy. My pharm shelf exam, which is taken as MS-2, was tied for the highest in my class and I have always attributed that to the excellent layout of the book and subsequently, the ability to quickly get through it over and over again once you have performed a first pass highlight through all the chapters. Buy this book, cherish it, and it will not let you down. It also has vignette and short style qs, 10-20 qs at end of chapters and an 80 q cumulative test at the end of the book, another asset of the book. My advice is to update it as you go through MS-II, but please, go through this book as early as possible and PLEASE highlight sparingly. Don't get carried away, especially easy when you begin the book and/or 1st section in pharmacology of the MS-II year (I was guilty of this) since at that time, there may be less appreciation for the fact that you will have a plethora of info to know by the time you're at the end of the year. My advice would be to focus on highlighting/annotating where the high yields of your lecture notes overlap with this book and in addition to that, any information UWorld teaches you (which 90% of the time, is already in this book anyway which again, is a testament to how comprehensive this text is relative to the skeleton that is First Aid pharm). High yields = mechanism of action, major indications, unique adverse reactions. Past that, I believe Uworld will teach you any "un"-unique adverse reactions needed to know and any important modes of metabolism for certain drugs of interest, e.g. digoxin being renally excreted and thus needing to check CrCl b4 and during treatment. Wishing you all the best in your pharmacologic endeavors, and beyond :)

Not the perfect review, but what is. I actually really like this book as an aid to the learning material in the class. It covers more than First Aid and is way more useful while learning the subject. I am currently a year one med student and I use it in my systems courses all the time. It is very helpful to me.

This book has far too many large blocks of texts and relatively few good diagrams. It could have benefited from more mnemonics, charts, and larger pictures to help contextualize the information. The existing diagrams are in small print and overwhelming. Another major problem is the paucity of practice questions, especially because the 15-20 questions at the end of each chapter and their explanations are by far the best part of this book. My advice is to use this exclusively for the questions and explanations, but not for review of content. Look elsewhere for more concise, high-yield, and memorable review.

I have used BRS books before and some of them are very good so I decided to buy this one as a gift for a friend who's studying for USMLE. She received the book quickly and without any problems, and most important, is very happy with her new book.

Though it isn't brief, this book is an excellent review for pharmacology in medical school. I am currently using it to review topics covered in my first year before entering the second. I really appreciate the practice questions and their explanations. I use Lange pharmacology while learning the topic initially, but it's pretty dense for a review.

Questions were very helpful in reviewing for exams. Diagrams also helped explain things as well.

I was looking for something better than my text, this was about par with my text. Not very in depth, so for me in NP school, not really helpful relative to the other resources available.

Useless, use pharmcards for board studying, and just use your lectures for med school exams. I didn't feel like this book elucidated very many useful concepts.

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