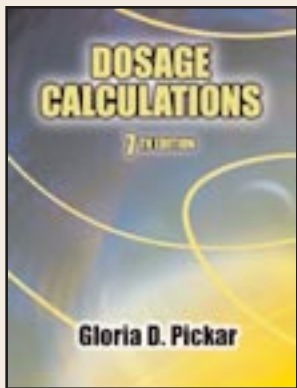


Dosage Calculations, 7E

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The ability of the health care worker to competently calculate medication dosages is paramount to both patient safety and effective treatment. It is also one of the most difficult and tension-filled of all duties the clinician must master -- for an error on this level often courts lethal consequences. Thus, Gloria Pickar's *Dosage Calculations* (now in its 7th edition) is regarded in the profession as one of the most useful reference tools available.

In *Dosage*, Pickar has written a book that attempts to allay some of the anxiety that goes along with calculating medicine dosage, and is specifically written for those individuals who feel uncomfortable with mathematical equations. Pickar helps the reader get over their math anxiety by writing in a clear and effortless way (showing that with practice and focus this skill can be mastered and performed with ease).

Topics covered here are varied and vast, and include review of ratios, percents and simple equations; measurement systems and medication orders; and a very detailed examination on deciphering drug labels and bar code symbols. There is also a rich chapter on adult intravenous calculations (including heparin administration). Readers with an understanding of basic arithmetic will gain much from this text.

Recommended to instructors in RN preparatory programs as a supporting text. Also would be a useful daily reference tool for Emergency Room and Intensive Care personnel.

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