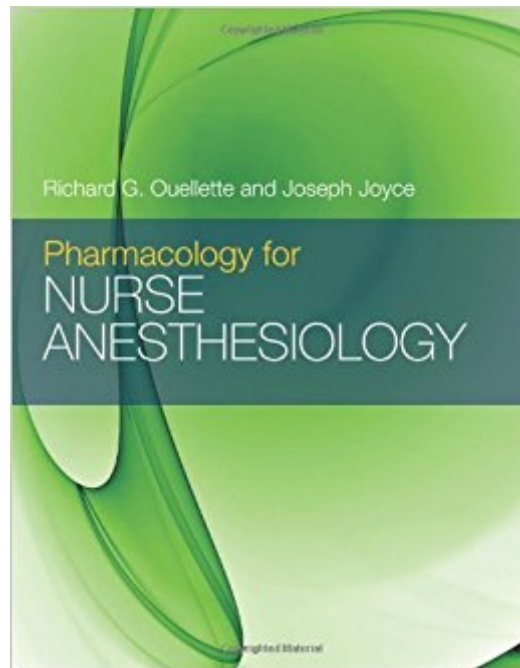




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# **Pharmacology For Nurse Anesthesiology**



## Synopsis

Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthesiology provides appropriate chemical, biological, and physical information of the actions, interactions, and reactions of medication, particularly as they apply and impact the practice of nurse anesthesia. Written by CRNAs for CRNAs, the information about various drugs is based on theoretical aspects based in chemistry, biochemistry, biology, and physics/biophysics and practical aspects straight from actual CRNAs who administer and deal with the medications on a case-by-case, daily basis. The perfect resource for both practicing professionals and students in CRNA programs!

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## Customer Reviews

I am a student nurse anesthetist. This review is meant to be a generalized opinion review. I bought this book because it was required for our program. This pharmacology book, in short, is terrible. It seems as though no one actually edited it. There is tons of wrong information (for example, stating adult doses of morphine to be 2.5-5 mg/kg!), plenty of spelling errors, and horrendous use of the English language in general. The grammar and sentence construction throughout this book is very poor. Like I said, it is almost as if no one edited it! I am very disappointed in this book. It has the potential to be very good, but will need serious revisions, including a more rigorous and scrutinizing editorial process to ensure that the information provided to learning students is as accurate as possible. All of my classmates would probably agree with you, including our faculty. In fact, I'm pretty sure they are not going to be using this book next year for the pharmacology course in their

CRNA program. There may be a small number of chapters that are not too bad, but overall, this book gets an 'F' from me. Oh, and not to mention, the binding completely falls apart! I had to have the book rebound (spiral bound), because otherwise I was holding it together with multiple large clips. Several other classmates have had to do the same.

This book needs a lot of work, but it has potential to be very good. I read it from cover to cover and like the fact that it is fairly easy to read with short chapters. However, it looks completely unedited with grammatical errors, misspelled words, and some completely wrong information. The latter is the more discouraging. For example, I do not think that having a decreased amount of carbon monoxide in your blood is a cause of heart failure...I'm just saying....

If it were possible to give this book zero stars, I would. I cannot express how much I dislike this book. As a SRNA student, this was our required book for our pharmacology class. It was so frustrating to read this book. It is completely disorganized, jumping from one topic to another without any clear purpose. Each chapter is written by a different author, so there is no consistent layout to the presentation of the drugs or a guarantee as to what type of information will be presented. Additionally, the editing is terrible. I read about the "prostrate". Really, the prostrate???? And lastly, what may be the worst problem of all, the book constantly contradicts itself. It is so frustrating to try to learn the information from this book that often I was forced to go to Stoelting to learn the drug info, then come back to Ouellette to learn the specific details that may be on the test. By far the worst resource on anesthesia that I have encountered so far.

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When it comes to a pharmacology book, you want one that is 1) up to-date, 2) presents evidence-based basis for use of medications 3) Remains as focused as possible. The only thing I can confidently say this book does well is present up-to-date material (something Stoelting's Pharm and Phys does NOT do). After that, the rest of the book is average, at best. One problem I find with most Nurse Anesthesia-specific texts is that they try to cover a lot of topical areas, without doing any of it well. They get wordy, lack order, focus, and try to cover every possible caveat of a topic --- meanwhile, with this structure, they fail to do a good job at any of it, and instead do an average job at all of it. Nagelhout's Nurse Anesthesia text is the epitome of this. This first edition book by Ouellette & Joyce has a lot of room for improvement. It tries to become a physiology book, anatomy

book, pharmacology book, and chemistry book all-in-one. In doing so, it forgets that it is a pharmacology book. It loses focus, and as a result it doesn't get in very great detail in any topic. I admit, you cannot learn pharmacology without knowing all of the other clinical sciences. But don't attempt to teach all of those topics when your focus is pharmacology. Stoetling's Pharm & Physiology for Anesthetic Practice, despite presenting material that is old as dirt, does an excellent job at presenting clinical science material at appropriate times. The two main texts for pharmacology in anesthesia are Stoetling's and this one by Ouellette and Joyce. This one is newer, but is of poorer quality. Stoetling's, despite being published in 2006, presents material from the early 90s (at times I was expecting it to go into detail in how to do the open-drip method of ether administration). However, Stoetling manages to do this quite well. In contrast, Ouellette presents new material poorly. It relies way too much on poorly constructed diagrams and charts, without having the backbone material to support it. This book does present something better than Stoetling's, however: Nausea & Vomiting. This is because of exclusion by Stoetling in his book, and not because Ouellette & Joyce did a quality job. I do not recommend this book. For every chapter in the book, there is a better resource out there. This book needs to focus on doing one thing well, rather than a lot of things poorly.

I really like how easy this book is to read. It has all the necessary information but breaks it down in an easy-to-read format that sets it apart from other textbooks. I really like the key points and practice questions.

This book was much easier to read and understand than some other anesthesia textbooks. I have recommended this book to my classmates

Very easy reading. Explains well.

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