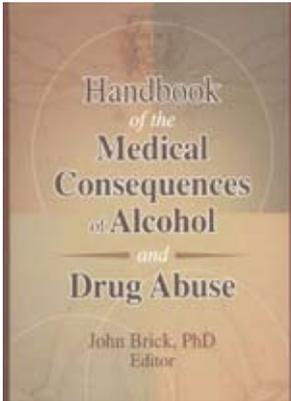


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Hand Book of Medical Consequences of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

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This book comprises 638 pages and contains 18 chapters with more than 30 contributors. The book details many issues related to alcohol and drug abuse sequelae. There are separate chapters for each type of illegal drug, namely, alcohol, marijuana, opiates, methadone, cocaine, and other stimulants, inhalants,

and tobacco, hallucinogens, LSD, and over the counter substance abuse, such as antihistamine caffeine and others. The interaction of alcohol and the other drugs with other medications, and its effect on body systems is clearly mentioned in detail, and there are separate chapters for special issues in patients with psychiatric disorder comorbidity with dependency disorder. Each chapter is followed by a summary and conclusion, which makes the subject easier to understand. Generally, the book has very understandable language. I believe it is a good read for psychiatrists, mainly those working in intoxication units, and also for the internist as a reference source.

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