Principles and Practice of Phytotherapy

Second edition  A core must-have textbook

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The first edition of Principles and Practice of Phytotherapy published in 2000 was the first authoritative, comprehensive modern textbook for western herbal medicine, covering all the major aspects of the field from fundamental concepts, traditional use and scientific research through to safety, effective dosage and clinical applications. It became the central textbook for students of phytotherapy in many English-speaking countries and was widely used by natural therapists, researchers, and professionals in the manufacturing industry from Australia, the US, Canada, New Zealand, Europe and beyond.

Now the long-awaited second edition brings a complete revision of the material in the first, with 50 fully up-to-date evidence-based monographs including 7 new herbs. Written by herbal practitioners with active experience in clinical practice, education, manufacturing and research, the textbook is both practical and evidence based.

In addition, the all-important therapeutics Chapters 8 and 9 have been comprehensively updated and extended to include many new insights into the herbal management of approximately 100 modern disease states. Additional information includes extensive coverage of vital new topics such as asthma, atopic dermatitis, acne, fibromyalgia, inflammatory bowel disease, insulin resistance, migraine headaches and prostate cancer, to name a few. However, the focus on the individual case and the specific needs of the patient in terms of the herbs best suited to them is emphasised in the material. In addition, the authors have added wide-ranging discussions of the contribution of phytotherapy to important modern health issues, including healthy ageing, gut dysbiosis, cognition enhancement and management of andropause.

Above all, Bone and Mills have been able to distil their more than 6 years of combined experience in herbal practice, research, education, writing, regulation, manufacture and quality assurance to arrive at the most accurate, balanced, evidence-based and informed treatise on this topic.

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• Extensive revision of the pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of archetypal herbal constituents (Chapter 2) including a comprehensive, updated discussion of important fundamental concepts such as the role of secondary metabolites, synergy and additive effects, polyvalent or multifaceted activity and herbs as pharmacologically “intelligent” mixtures.

• A comprehensive revision of vital safety data, including an extensive herb-drug interaction chart, evaluated from the perspective of experienced herbal clinicians, which informs the reader in a user-friendly fashion of the key safety issues relevant to herbal practice and helps them to differentiate between the false scares and the real concerns.

• Despite its strong scientific focus, the book does not neglect the philosophical/traditional foundations of western herbal therapy, with an extensive discussion of these important grounding considerations in Chapters 1 and 3 and elsewhere throughout the dosage and therapeutic chapters and the herbal monographs. In particular, the approach of using herbs to correct internal dysfunction as well as focussing on symptoms is emphasised.

• Chapter 8 includes major rewrites of topics including the role of herbs in malignant diseases (with a review of the recent clinical evidence) and inflammatory and autoimmune diseases, with a focus on new information and hypotheses.

• Chapter 9 includes new sections on the herbal management of skin and endocrine diseases together with updated herbal protocols informed by the latest research into the aetiology and treatment of most common health disorders. Important new topics such as metabolic syndrome, thyroid disorders, gout, erectile dysfunction and even herbs for healthy longevity are included. Worked case histories and example formulations are used to illustrate the phytotherapeutic approach.

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- Fifty herbal monographs exhaustively researched and compiled include vital research information that is difficult to find elsewhere. The relevant literature has been rigorously reviewed using evidence-based criteria. New herbs covered include gotu kola, willow bark, bugleweed, butcher’s broom, Boswellia, myrrh and Tribulus. The already extensive pharmacological, clinical trial and safety data have been comprehensively updated, reviewing all the relevant primary publications.

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