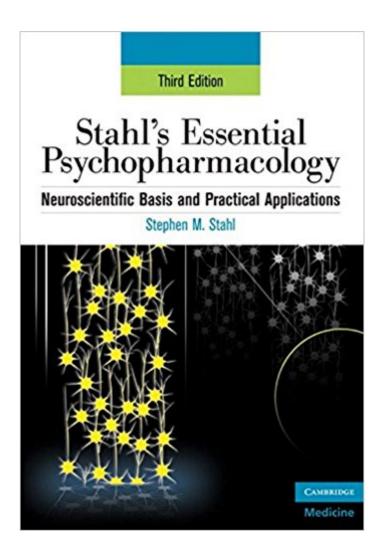


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# Stahl's Essential Psychopharmacology: Neuroscientific Basis And Practical Applications (Essential Psychopharmacology Series)





## Synopsis

Stahl's Essential Psychopharmacology is intended as a primer text for this field, and can be read cover to cover by anyone from the novice to the expert. Expanded and fully revised, this third edition enlists advances in neurobiology and recent clinical developments to explain with renewed clarity the concepts underlying drug treatment of psychiatric disorders. Features of this edition are clinical advances in antipsychotic and antidepressant therapy. It includes new coverage of sleep disorders, chronic pain, and disorders of impulse control. This remains the essential text for students, scientists, psychiatrists, and other mental health professionals.

## **Book Information**

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"Dr. Stahl's latest edition remains the clearest book covering all the latest advances and developments in psychopharmacology. The method of teaching through illustration and conceptual form should continue to make it very popular.....Completely revised and updated with the latest developments, this editioncaptures the shift from the receptor model to brain circuits and signal transduction cascades. The basic sciences section has been doubled to cover the advances in the understanding of the functioning of neurons, signal transduction cascades, ion channels, genetics, brain circuits, imaging, and disease models of pathophysiology. The clinical section has been expanded from the previous edition to discuss the psychiatric disorder and the corresponding malfunctioning brain circuit. This section also details the advances in the latest hypothesis of the

disorder as well as the latest drugs related to the treatment of the disorder. New to this edition is a chapter on pain and the treatment of fibromyalgia and other somatic syndromes. Separate chapters now cover dementia and attention deficit disorders with the newest treatments as well as drugs that are in the pipeline. Of special note is the chapter on reward that has been expanded from substance abuse to cover disorders of sexual function, eating, and impulsivity. Unique to Dr. Stahl's books are the illustrations, which have been expanded in this edition to reflect the latest advances. Information is presented in conceptual form that makes it easier to read and understand. The book maintains a consistent format and is augmented with more graphs and tables." --Doody's Book Review Service"Stephen Stahl is one of the most recognizable names in psychopharmacology. He is an inspiring teacher who has a knack for synthesizing complex scientific information for students, residents, psychiatrists, and nonmedical mental health practitioners....[H]e has started publishing psychopharmacology books that are not only very readable and up-to-date, but are in my opinion the most creatively illustrated texts of psychopharmacology. My trainees rave about his books and quote them often." --Journal of Clinical Psychiatry

This expanded and fully revised edition explains and illustrates the neurobiological concepts underlying the drug treatment of psychiatric disorders. For the student it provides an easily readable and highly illustrated introduction to the subject. For the physician or scientist it offers a quick review of psychopharmacology and the drug treatment of mental illness.

Understanding the human brain and its multitude of complexities is not easy, but this book not only explained everything well, it also included numerous pictures, diagrams and drawings to help one clearly see how the nervous system works. Now it's easier to explain to patients and families that their mental illness is based on how this complex machine can sometimes go awry, and how certain medications and therapies can help readjust the imbalance at its cause. How nice it is to explain that it's not any will power issue or poor character development, which gives hope and promise of better times ahead.

This book is the bomb.com made everything so easy to read and the pictures were so amazing. Stahl is a genius, dumbed it down, so you can learn mechanism of action and side effects of the medication. I just started with the anti psychotic medication sections, and it helped me to learn and understand, how the meds work and why the patient may have certain side-effects. Boom shaka-laka....This book is chocked full of usable information. Dr. Stahl provides plausible rationale for why/how psychopharmaceuticals operate. Learn it, live it, love, and love it.

Without a dough, Stahl's Essential Psychopharmacology has become akin to Gravy's Anatomy as the field's gold-standard in an evidence-based, neuroscientifically founded text.

Used this book as a medical student and it has continued to be my goto book for psychopharm. There is plenty of detail in this book that will keep me coming back years later. One of the most haves for those going into psychiatry or neurology.

#### Required text.

Awesome. Excellent detailed up-to-date information. This is like a neurology/psychiatry for dummies book.

Had to have this as a text for a class. Not sure if it was the class or the text but the combination made me positively catatonic.

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