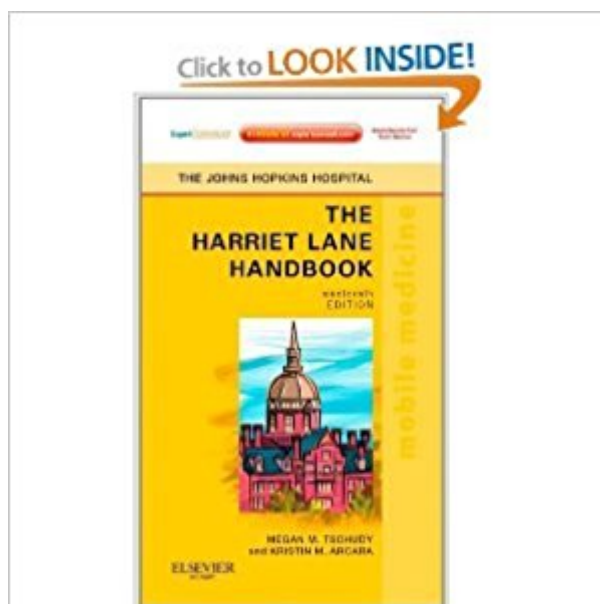


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As a pediatric clinical nursing instructor, I carry this with me to clinicals and share it with my nursing students. It is a valuable reference, both for nurses, nursing students, and pediatric housestaff. As a nurse, I need to know where the dosing information comes from to calculate pediatric dosages, so that I am confident that I am administering a correct dose. The other medication books are "adult" focused, and lack much information with pediatric dosing, so this book really fills that void. My students also like the photos of skin diseases and use that as a reference frequently. I would like to purchase this as an app or ebook, but from the reviews I have read, those formats don't seem to work as well as the old fashioned book, which is fine. Nurses, please remember that this book, although written for residents, is also a good reference for you, too. There really isn't a nursing

reference with as much information as the Harriet Lane. This really needs to be marketed more for pediatric nurses.

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I used this book on an MS3 peds rotation as a handbook, and found it perfect for the inpatient portions, and somewhat useful for outpatient peds. It has all the vaccine tables, growth charts, tables of diseases/treatments, and peds pharmacopoeia you'd expect, plus a little pathophysiology, and is laid out in a way that makes it faster and easier to look things up than using a smartphone. It's heavy, but it fits in a white coat pocket. The pictures of peds rashes were in color on glossy paper and I frequently referenced them. Kids are rashy. I'm going into IM, so I sold the book to a fellow student going into peds, and she was glad to get her hands on it. It seems there are copies of Harriet Lane laying at the resident workstations all over the hospital, and my attending in clinic had a battered copy on her desk, so I'm clearly not the only person who thinks highly of this book.

I haven't gotten to use this book very much, as my pediatric rotation will not start for a couple of weeks, but this book is fabulous from what I have seen flipping through. It has a pretty comprehensive medication section, ped dosages, emergency info (ETT size, normal VS values depending on age, etc). It is small enough to fit in my lab coat, but it's kind of weighty, so I don't think I'd carry it in my pocket all day, but I will definitely have it in my bag with me during my peds rotation. It has a procedures section with pictures on how to do multiple procedures on peds patients (catheter insertion, IV insertion, and tons of more advanced procedures). I recommend it for anyone that has to work with the peds population.

Great resource for pediatric dosing of medications for nurses and physicians.

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