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Pharmacognosy

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Description

This is an excellent book with detailed and up to date information of *Pharmacognosy*. This book provides a clear and concise explanation of pharmacognosy as well as botany. The book gives emphasis on all possible class of drugs of natural origin along with anatomy of selected medicinal plants.

Audience

Pharmacognosy book is designed to assist undergraduate-postgraduate students, research scholars and faculties of pharmacognosy. It is also a valuable guide for workers in areas of similar interest.

Features

The author has briefly described the topics. The textbook contains 19 chapters. The major features of this book includes:

- In-depth coverage of Natural sources of drugs and Phytoconstituents of Therapeutic value.
- Chapter entitled “Analytical Pharmacognosy and General Anatomical features and Gross anatomy of selected plants” described link between Botany and Pharmacognosy. One can be benefited by this chapter to brush up one’s basic knowledge in the subject.
- Chapter entitled “Systematic examination of selected powdered drugs” described about powder characteristic of different tissue of plant and chemical test for un-organized drugs.

- Clear and illustrated diagrams of crude drugs, medicinal plants and anatomical sections.
- Complete and concise monograph detail of individual crude drug.
- Review Questions at the end of particular chapter.
- A glossary of technical terms relevant to pharmacognosy is given at the end of book

The text's integration of simple wording along with pictorial presentation makes the book well suited for studying various drugs of natural origin and their medicinal uses. The book fulfills the need of students as well as teachers of health sciences who are enthusiastic to study from a easy, understanding, reliable, better, knowledgeable, informative and clear textbook. The busy practitioners will also find this text a source where they may quickly review the important actions and usage of a drug which they may wish to employ.

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