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Drug Dosage. The authors and the publisher have exerted every effort to ensure that drug selection and dosage set forth in this text are in accord with current recommendations and practice at the time of publication. However, in view of ongoing research, changes in government regulations, and the constant flow of information relating to drug therapy and drug reactions, the reader is urged to check the package insert for each drug for any change in indications and dosage and for added warnings and precautions. This is particularly important when the recommended agent is a new and/or infrequently employed drug.
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After more than 20 years, the International Course on Peritoneal Dialysis of Vicenza has become a classic appointment for beginners and experts in the field of peritoneal dialysis. In the year 2003, the eighth edition was held in Vicenza with the classic format including basic principles as well as advanced studies and experimental findings. All these pieces of knowledge are included in this volume that, according to our tradition, is published readily at the time of the conference.

Peritoneal dialysis represents more than ever an important approach to the therapy of chronic kidney disease. Its integration with other techniques in the therapy of uremia represents an important step in the optimization of the whole program of renal replacement therapy. Today’s clinical practice and today’s basic research in the field of peritoneal dialysis seem to proceed in tight conjunction. Clinical results from multicenter studies and physiological findings from experimental studies both contribute to a significant progress in the knowledge and in the safe and adequate application of peritoneal dialysis. All these aspects are discussed by leading experts in the field and their contributions in this volume will represent an important tool for the reader to become familiar with today’s art of peritoneal dialysis. Our thanks go to the authors for their effort to convey their knowledge in a concise but complete text, and to Karger publishers for the efficient and competent publication of the present volume. This book, in conjunction with volume 129 on ‘Automated Peritoneal Dialysis’ in the series Contributions to Nephrology, represents a must on the nephrologist’s bookshelf in the new millennium.

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