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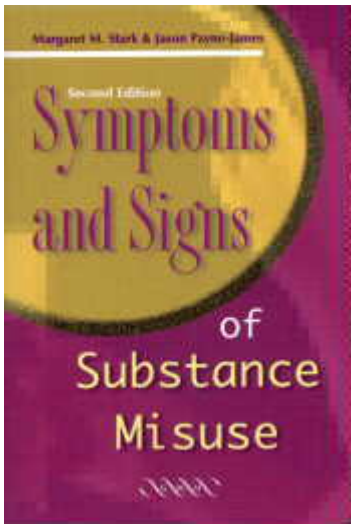
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Essential reading

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Symptoms and signs of Substance misuse, 2nd Edition, *by* Margaret M. Stark and Jason Payne-James. Softcover, 5" x 7".
Greenwich Medical Media Ltd., 4th Floor, 137 Euston Road, London NW1 2AA (Distributed worldwide by Plymbridge Distributors Ltd, and in the USA by JAMCO Distribution). Publication Date 2003. 58 pages, ISBN 1-84110-106-0. Price £18.50

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Symptoms and Signs of Substance Misuse is a small and very comprehensive book focused on various drugs misused. In the introduction the authors state that the misuse of both illicit and licit drugs are widespread. The objective of the book is to provide concise and readily accessible information about the symptoms and signs associated with the most commonly misused drug groups to assist healthcare professionals, employers, police, parents, teachers, partners or friends in identifying whether drugs are being misused.

The authors start by giving an overview of statutes and legal requirements for drugs in England and Wales. This section is followed by a description of medical and health complications of substance misuse.

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The book is mainly devoted to substance detection, both qualitative and quantitative. Summary of information on various drug groups is given. Details of information on each drug group include principal drug and derivatives, manufacture, mechanism of action, medical uses, legal status in England and Wales, methods of administration, symptoms and management. This section is full of information and can be very applicable for professionals such as doctors on call but may be difficult to read for teachers, partners and friends. The technical style may also may make it hard to understand for certain sections such as police officers.

Altogether this book stands out as a comprehensive and accessible guide to those working, especially in the health care sector, with substance misuse. The small size also make it possible to bring the book with you. The book is full of information and in order to really being able to use it in practice, some prior knowledge of drugs is required.

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