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VERY IMPRESSIVE



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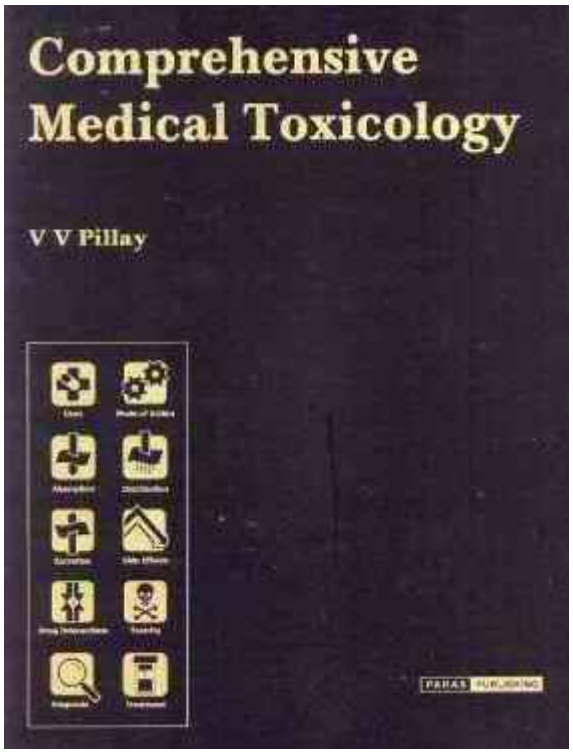
Comprehensive Medical Toxicology, 1st Edition, *by* V V Pillay. Hardback, 11" x 8.5".
Paras Medical Publisher, 5-1-473, Jambagh Road, P.O.Box No. 544, Hyderabad - 500 095, India. Publication Date January 2003. 650 pages, ISBN 81-88129-86-0. Price Indian Rupees 750, US $40



And here we have another addition to the toxicological literature, which is intended to be a general reference to many areas in toxicology, from clinical to forensic to analytical.

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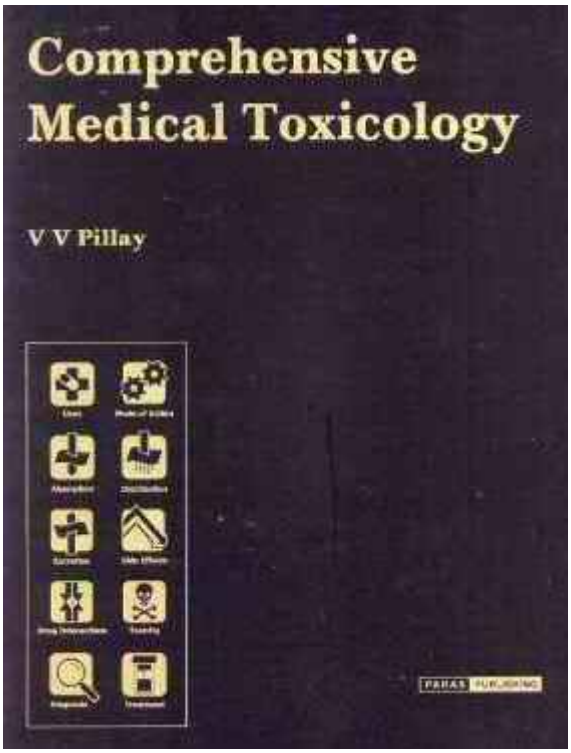
The author has divided his reference into five major sections: General Toxicology, Chemical Toxicology, Pharmaceutical Toxicology, Biotoxicology, and Sociomedical Toxicology. The work also concludes with four appendices: Poisoning Severity Score (adults & children), *Glascow Coma Scale*, Forensic Science Laboratories in India, and *Beck's Depression Scale*. Before the well cross-referenced general index, is a large listing of poisons and drugs by their brand names.



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Containing over 2000 recent references, it is clear that the author has reviewed the current international literature, in his compilation of this work, and the reader should find that the medical treatment recommendations therefore are of the moment. There are numerous illustrations and photographs, which are clearly described, to enhance the written text. The author has also added the nice touch of placing some 40 boxes of pertinent information, which the reader can use for quick reference.

The readers should find this reference easy to use, and clearly written. In his discussion of the various toxic agents, the author provides information on the following: synonyms, physical appearance, uses, usual fatal dose, toxicokinetics, mode of action, clinical features, diagnosis, treatment, autopsy findings, and forensic significance.

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