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Explains how to perform HUNDREDS of COMPLEX dosage CALCULATIONS

Includes details on interpreting sample DRUG ORDERS

Reviews FRACTIONS, percentages, RATIOS, and rates

NCLEX-style practice QUESTIONS at the end of every chapter

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Synopsis

Your prescription for mastering dosage calculations

Need to learn how to calculate dosages with precision but find yourself looking for some anesthesia instead? Here’s your remedy! Dosage Calculations Demystified makes this complex topic easy to absorb. Written by a graduate nurse, instructor, and bestselling author, Dosage Calculations Demystified covers medication orders and medication labels and explains how to calculate doses using the formula method and the ratio-proportion method. You’ll get details on I.V. calculations, pediatric doses, and enteral tube feeding. The book also covers dosage calculations for commonly prescribed drugs, including Heparin and dopamine. Hundreds of examples make it easy to understand the material, and NCLEX-style practice questions help reinforce learning. This self-teaching guide offers:

- Learning objectives at the beginning of each chapter
- Tips for avoiding common errors when using MAR charting systems
- Details on I.V. therapy
- Coverage of pediatric BSA dosage calculations
- Measurements in SI units
- A time-saving approach to performing better on an exam or at work

Simple enough for a beginner, but challenging enough for an advanced student, Dosage Calculations Demystified is your key to acing this vital nursing skill.

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I have read the book in details, practiced all the drills and I was so impressed on how it was presented. I was DEMYSTIFIED! HOWEVER, as I go along I have noticed bunch of errors, like 1. Page 59. Practice drill number 9. use MICRO DRIP tubing. but in the answer key (page 61) they
used 15 gtt/mL as the drip factor. It contradicts the information given on page 56. MICRO DROP tubing ALWAYS has 60 gtt/mL as the drip factor. 2. Page 66. IV bag CURRENTLY has 100 mL of Lactated Ringers. But, in the sample computation they used 50 mL instead of 100 mL. 3. Page 76. the answer in number 3. SHOULD BE mL (9 mL) and not mcg. 4. Page 84. number 2 question: medication order Benylin 25 mg/kg/day. however in the answer key they used 50 mg (page 85). 5. TYPING ERRORS page 34. number 1. medication order Vitamin B12 1 mg po daily, medication label Vitamin ?? what?? 500 mcg per tablet page 37. number 1. letter b. A half of a tablet (should be tablet) page 50. number 7. the question was asking for tablets. but the options are in capsules. These are just some of the errors I’ve noticed. typing errors are forgivable if its only few and minor. but if the typing errors causes confusion to the learner and resulted to contradicting answers then its a problem. Also, it’s only a 194 page book and why not prof read it before printing. Overall I like the book and I was literally demystified (I’ve only read half of it for 2 days and I learned a lot). What frustrates me are the errors that should have been given detailed attention by the AUTHOR before publishing. The book is very helpful to both the beginner and the advanced learner.

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