

Preface

This pocket reference is designed to assist the eye care professional by providing current information on the ever-increasing number of ocular pharmacotherapeutics. Many different classes of medications are listed, oftentimes with pertinent facts. This book presents the usual recommended dose for the medications listed. Clinical judgment should always be used, as all therapy should be tailored to the individual patient. The intent of this manual is to provide therapeutic suggestions once the diagnosis is known. We recommend its use in conjunction with an ophthalmologic reference text such as the *Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary Illustrated Manual of Ophthalmology* (Saunders) or the *Wills Eye Manual: Office & Emergency Room Diagnosis and Treatment of Eye Disease* (Lippincott). A more complete listing of all mechanisms, side effects, and drug interactions can be found in the product insert, the *Physicians' Desk Reference*, and the *Physicians' Desk Reference for Ophthalmology*, and should be consulted.

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