

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The *Clinical Handbook of Psychotropic Drugs* uses color coding and icons for intuitive navigation:

- Blue sections contain general information on drugs / treatments and their availability.
- Green sections cover drug action and dosing.
- Red sections outline warnings and precautions.
- Orange sections detail patient- and care-related information, such as nursing considerations and patient advice.

Below is a summary of the colors and icons used.

General Information / Availability

 Classification, Definition

 Product Availability

 Indications

 General Comments

Pharmacology / Mechanisms of Action

 Pharmacology

 Pharmacological & Psychiatric Effects

 Dosing

 Pharmacokinetics

 Onset and Duration of Action

 Switching, Augmentation Strategies

Warnings and Precautions

 Adverse Effects

 Contraindications

 Discontinuation Syndrome

 Precautions

 Toxicity

 Food Interactions

 Drug Interactions

Patient-Related Issues

 Lab Tests / Monitoring

 Use in Pregnancy

 Nursing Implications, Treatment

 Patient Instructions

Additional useful sources of information are listed as

 Further Reading