Therapeutic aggressiveness must be tempered by a very practical approach based on comprehensive. The section on dermatology contains a discussion of the arthritides. The potential of the therapy used to cause undesirable results. Throughout the text Dr. Kantor underscores that this text has found a niche in the primary care clinician's library. The editor and authors meet the goal of "providing the practicing physician with a concise, practical reference that includes the most recent advances in therapy." Family physicians whose practices heavily emphasize internal medicine will find this book a true friend, while others can always use the text for a quick review of common medical problems.

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This review of drug therapy in rheumatic disease is thoughtful and eminently readable. The intention of this book is to provide information on the mechanism of actions and the use of different drugs in rheumatic disorders. My only reservation is that it lacks a section on osteoporosis management and treatment.

Essentially, the handbook is a practical guide for the busy primary care physician. Because the content of the text is well presented and relevant to family practice, it provides an efficient tool through which physicians can quickly review the treatment modalities for rheumatic disease. For the most part, the information appears to be up to date and well...