Opioids in Cancer Pain

This text is the most complete and extensive work available on the use of opioids for cancer pain, and is an important reference for those clinicians treating individuals with cancer.

- Editors from 3 continents have produced a truly global perspective on the use of opioids in malignant disease
- Aids understanding of opioids and their effectiveness, essential to any clinician prescribing this type of drug
- Includes a review of all the major opioids

New to this edition:
- An editor from the UK, Columba Quigley, has joined the established editor team of Mellar Davis, Paul Glare and Janet Hardy, making the new edition even more international in scope
- New chapters on opioids in paediatrics, and opioids in developing countries, address the unique needs of these patient groups
- More focused attention on the differing uses of opioids, as separate chapters are devoted to dosing strategies in acute pain, and dosing strategies in chronic pain
- Buprenorphine has been added to the list of opioids covered, reflecting its common use in Europe and the debate surrounding its use in the United States
- Organ failure is now covered
- Issues of addiction and substance abuse are now addressed
- The palliative care perspective has been strengthened, with the role of opioids in the terminal phase now included
- Incorporates new studies in opioid pharmacogenetics, a topic which may have significant implications for the use of these drugs in the future

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