Pharmacotherapy of Cachexia

Although a wealth of information can be found scattered throughout periodicals and research papers, tracking down the most effective treatment for a heterogeneous syndrome such as cachexia can be problematic. Edited by experts in the field, with contributions from a multidisciplinary panel, Pharmacotherapy of Cachexia is the first book devoted solely to the treatment of cachexia with a focus on pharmacotherapeutic aspects. The book discusses the various aspects of the syndrome and compares and contrasts its diverse treatment options. It explores the topic from a theoretical and practical perspective and provides an overview of currently available and future treatment. The first half of the book includes coverage of pathophysiology, associated diseases, and general therapeutic aspects. The subsequent sections devoted to pharmacotherapy cover drugs in clinical use, drugs in research and development, and the final section focuses on potential future advancements. Numerous internationally recognized specialists have contributed chapters on the various aspects of cachexia to this book. Their critical evaluation of pathophysiological mechanisms, clinical features, and therapeutic options make it a valuable source of information on all aspects of this serious and life-threatening condition. Expert editorial guidance ensures minimal repetition of information and uniform presentation. Addressing the multiple disease processes associated with cachexia in an organized and useful way, the book is a comprehensive reference for the management of this recalcitrant and hard-to-treat syndrome.

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