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This review is on the 34th Edition copyright 2014 "The Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics". I always liked the Washington Manual in book form but it has indeed gotten quite heavy and large (2.37 pounds and just over 1.5 inches thick) and is impractical to carry in a lab coat pocket. This is expected given the explosion in medical information over the last 2 decades since I graduated Medical School. What is nice about this 34th edition is that for no extra cost you get the inkling version that you can access on a web browser or your iOS device, (iPhone or iPad or iPod Touch, there is a 2 device limit but that is reasonable). Other companies have tried to put the Washington Manual on a Smart Phone but in my experience only inkling has succeeded in getting this book into a very usable electronic format for small devices. The electronic version is well organized and searchable. I do miss the nomogram for tylenol toxicity that is absent from both the electronic and printed versions, a surprising omission. How I use this product is to have the "Manual" on my hip (iPhone in a Nutshell belt case) and leave the paperback book version at home for more
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