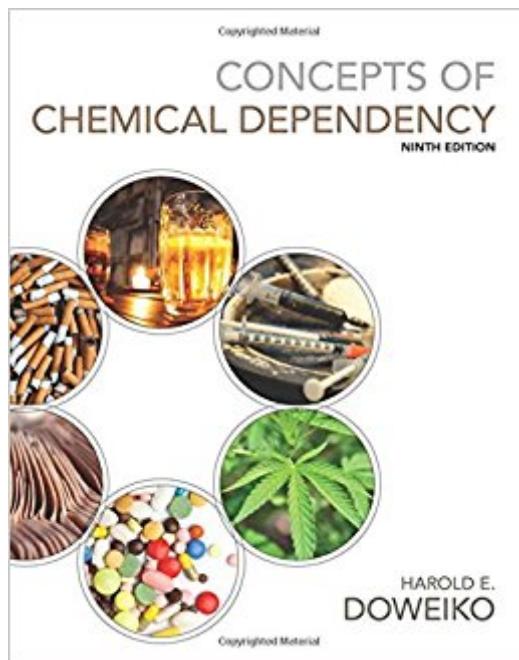


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# Concepts Of Chemical Dependency (Book Only)



## **Synopsis**

CONCEPTS OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY, Ninth Edition, provides comprehensive coverage and the latest information on a full spectrum of substance use disorders and the compounds commonly abused. Topics include the abuse of and addiction to alcohol; how the active agent in marijuana, THC, affects neural growth and development; the emerging body of evidence suggesting a relationship between marijuana abuse and psychotic disorders; the emerging body of evidence suggesting that marijuana is not as benign as it was thought to be a few years ago; and the abuse of cough syrups. Adding to the book's usefulness and relevance, Doweiko also covers topics not usually discussed in other substance abuse texts, including abuse of anabolic steroids, inhalants, infectious diseases associated with substance abuse, how the "war on drugs" has actually contributed to the problem of substance abuse/addiction in this country, and the "medical marijuana" debate. This edition includes new information on synthetic marijuana, mephredone, and dextromethorphan, among other substances; updates reflecting the new DSM-5; and a new chapter on the Biopsychosocial Model of Addiction. Students report that they appreciate the author's balanced approach, which allows them to form their own opinions, in contrast to some books that "preach" that "drugs are bad for you."

## **Book Information**

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"This text is a detailed look at chemical dependency from a biological, scientific, social, and humanistic perspective. It will make you question what you thought you knew about the world of

addictions, and open the door to the possibility of issues not always considered. "I believe that all healthcare professionals should have access to this text as it is the first reference I reach for due to the comprehensive coverage of topics and the reliance I have on the research within that it has been researched and updated."

Dr. Harold E. Doweiko is a licensed psychologist who has been on staff at the Gundersen-Lutheran medical Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin, for 19 years, working with the substance abuse rehabilitation program, the chronic pain management program, and the traditional adult mental health patients, including "dual diagnosis" patients. He has served with the La Crosse (Wisconsin) County Drug Court for several years, and as a professional witness on the topic of substance use disorders for federal and state courts in Kansas, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Dr. Doweiko has served as an adjunct faculty member for colleges in both Wisconsin and Minnesota, most recently with the Viterbo University counselor education program in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

This is an amazingly unprofessional textbook in that there are so many, many, many words that are either left out or are placed next to one another where the writer, or editor, may have meant to come back and choose the correct word but never did. Consequently, the reader is often forced to reread and choose which word makes sense. Punctuation is also a problem. The editorial gaffes make this book a frustrating read and take away the reader's focus from the material covered. The editorial team should either be horsewhipped or, at the very least, called out for their incompetence.

I am appalled that this textbook was published with the lack of punctuation, improper grammar, and missing words. I had to keep rereading the sentences to try to make sense and add my own missing words.

Not the books fault, but I opened this textbook once for my class and it seemed like a lot of the information was common sense or easily found for free elsewhere. The time I did open this book, I notice the strange layout of it and weird wording. Would recommend just using the internet if needing information found in this book

Let me begin by saying, I am so glad that I did not actually purchase this book (I rented). If I had invested any more of my hard earned money on this travesty, I would be so angry. I needed this book for a class in my Human Services Addictions Specialization program. I have to believe the

professor that chose this book did not take any time to actually check it out....he was leaving the program and would not be returning to teach the class anyway, so he did not care. This book is so poorly written that I can't imagine why anyone would even publish it. It makes me question the importance of providing a high level of educational material for college students versus profits...the Almighty Dollar. It is filled with errors of all types, repetitive words and phrases and deplorable grammar. The writing approach is so illogical, reading word for word is pointless, not to mention...painful. Much of the information is random, fairly meaningless and the way in which it is presented brings its accuracy and relevance into question. The power points provided as support material for the book are the worst example of professionalism that I have ever seen! I am not saying these things as a personal attack on anyone....all I know is what I have seen and experienced with this book. Someone should be ashamed and more importantly, someone should be held accountable for offering such a poor excuse as material for higher learning.

The book itself was fairly good but the index was less than stellar. As a graduate student working on a second Master's-this one in Substance Abuse- it's fair to say I've used a lot of textbooks. Too many topics covered in the text were not listed in the index, making quick retrieval of information impossible.

Horribly biased. Should not be used as a classroom text.

Very informative textbook but hate the part where it tells you to look up a word in the glossary instead of giving a definition!

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