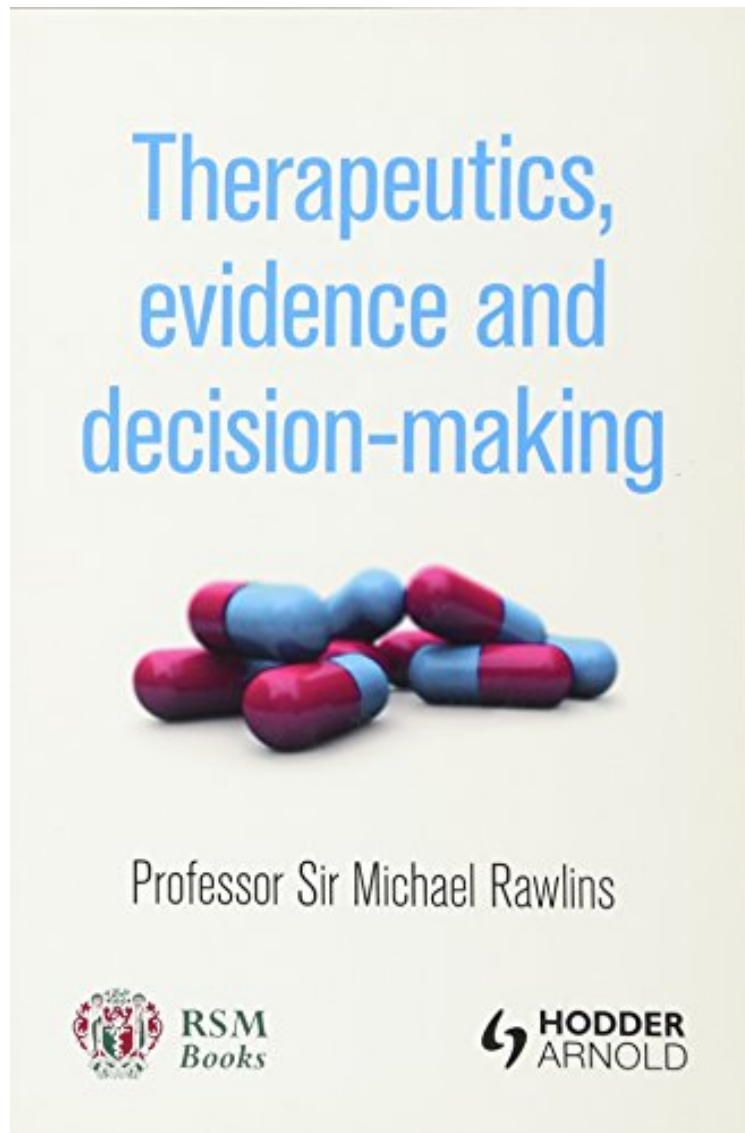


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Important book and should be better known. By Bruce_in_LAI work in the evidence based medicine field (from the commercial and consulting side) and was amazed that I didn't hear about this book until October 2013. It's 230 pp and extremely useful. I was amazed in the first ten pages he was saying a lot of this I say when I lecture myself - maybe some of which I read in his work over the years, but not recently. The book is an expanded version of his 2008 Harvey Lectures on Medicine Evidence, which appeared in a 10 page form in

Lancet and is also available as a free PDF of about 50 pages, as I recall. Well worth having on the bookshelf of any one who works in trial design and evidence evaluation. Rawlins was head of NICE (the UK healthcare technology and pharma evaluation agency) for a number of years until about 2012.

This book is intended to help decision-makers use, assess and appraise the evidence that underpins decisions about the use of therapeutic interventions. It will inform decision-makers about the nature of evidence, the strengths and weaknesses of the available approaches, and how these can be most effectively distilled for the purpose of reaching reliable conclusions. It aims to encourage decision-makers to base their judgements about the use of therapeutic interventions on an informed appraisal of the totality of the evidence base. Is it reliable? Is it generalisable beyond the context of the environment in which the primary research has been conducted? Do the intervention's benefits outweigh its harms? Is it cost effective as well as clinically effective? Is it, indeed, fit-for-purpose? Ultimately, good judgement is at the heart of decision-making in therapeutics. An invaluable text for all physicians, pharmacists, nurses, health commissioners and purchasers and indeed anyone having to make decisions concerning evidence-based therapeutics.