

A new initiative of EuroDURG:
The DUR book



Drug Utilization Research: Methods and Applications

a useful educational tool for teachers and students,
a basic reference guide for academic researchers,
health care professionals, civil service workers,
health insurances and health authorities involved in
drug data analysis at the national and regional level

focusing not only on the methodological issues of
drug utilization research (DUR)

but offering also a complete overview of the differ-
ent applications of DUR, ranging from comparative
research over DUR in specific areas and populations
to DUR applications in the broader field of pharma-
coepidemiology and the assessment of the quality of
prescribing.

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General conclusions and recommendations



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