The Essential Guide to Herbal Safety.
The first accurate and comprehensive book on herbal safety — a must for all health care professionals.

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The Essential Guide to Herbal Safety presents an extensive discussion of the principles of and current major issues relating to herbal medicine safety. It also contains comprehensive reviews, in monograph format, of the published safety data for 125 common herbs. With contributions from leading international experts, this book covers issues of quality, interactions, adverse reactions, toxicity, allergy, contact sensitivity and idiosyncratic reactions. Information is derived from the world’s leading practitioners and authorities.

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