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*Themed Issue: Oral Controlled Release Development and Technology Guest Editors - Stephen A. Howard and David E. Wallick* 

## **Editorial - Theme Issue on Oral Controlled Release Development and Technology**

On January 22–27, 2006 the AAPS 41st Annual Pharmaceutical Technologies Arden Conference will be held at the Thayer Hotel in West Point, New York. The topic for this conference is *Oral Controlled Release Development and Technology*. The European Arden House Conference will be held March 20-22, 2006 in London, England and will be on the same topic. In conjunction with these two conferences, *AAPS PharmSciTech* is planning to publish a special theme issue on *Oral Controlled Release Development and Technology*.

This special theme issue is designed to update pharmaceutical scientists on the latest technologies in developing oral controlled release products. The issue will give an overview of controlled and sustained release development. Articles will discuss modeling for the design of controlled release products, regulatory and legal aspects of controlled release, material selection - including a discussion of the availability of new polymer materials, and an in-depth discussion of the latest technologies to develop and manufacture oral controlled release products.

You are invited to contribute your research and review articles on any of the topics listed above for this theme issue. The process for submitting articles to the theme issue is the same as that for submitting regular articles. The same rigorous peer review will be used, and plans are to publish the theme issue during 2006. Authors interested in submitting a paper for this theme issue are encouraged to contact the Guest Editors, Stephen A. Howard (E-mail: jshoward.1@sbcglobal.net) or David E. Wallick (E-mail: dewallick@dow.com), or they can submit directly to the journal and designate it for the *Oral Controlled Release Development and Technology* theme issue.

To ensure appropriate focus of this theme issue, manuscripts that address scientific and technical elements of oral controlled development and technology will be considered. For example, research and review articles may address oral controlled release formulation, materials, processing, manufacture and scale up, as well as patent and regulatory aspects of oral controlled release products.

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