

BOOK REVIEW

Drug Therapy for Asthma - Research and Clinical Practice

edited by John W. Jenne and Shirley Murphy
Marcel Dekker, Inc. (1987)
Price \$169.75, 1,157 pages hard cover

This book is likely to be regarded by experts in the field as the authority on drug therapy. It is well-organized, well-written and what is particularly important for a book which will undoubtedly be of prime importance. For a book which will be used as a reference text it has a comprehensive and detailed index. References in most chapters are generally reasonably up to date with the years 1984 and 1985 being included.

Asthma is a quite common disease. Hardy and Holgate in Chapter Twenty report that between 2 to 4% of the British population suffer from Asthma. Drug therapy - both prescription only and OTC - has a valuable role to play in the treatment of this chronic condition. Perusal of this book by all those involved in the development of new drugs or drug delivery systems for the treatment of asthma is likely to be of considerable utility. The book is also recommended to clinical pharmacists concerned with therapeutic drug monitoring.

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The Newton Handbook

Derek Gjertsen

Published by

Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1987

Available from Methuen Inc.

29 West 35th Street

New York, NY 10001

Price \$59.95, 665 pages hard cover

For anyone with any interest whatsoever in the history of science, this is a truly fascinating collection of entries all pertaining to the life and work of one of the greatest scientists of all time whose well-known contributions to knowledge range from inventing calculus, to propounding gravitational theory. Although some of the entries in this collection do require some elementary knowledge of physics most do not. This book has a wealth of interesting data - for example Newton's role with the Royal Mint and his religious beliefs. It is strongly recommended and as this reviewer can testify it makes ideal bedtime reading.

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Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of the United States
(Fourth Edition)

D. J. DeRenzo

Published by Noyes Data Corporation
Park Ridge, NJ
Three hundred pages, hard cover \$72.00

This book contains a wealth of information about over five hundred pharmaceutical companies. It is quite comprehensive in scope covering companies manufacturing prescriptions and O.T.C. drugs, selected health care products, biologicals, dental pharmaceuticals, custom manufactured products and biotechnology products. Companies which solely manufacture diagnostic medical devices or veterinary drugs are not included.

From AAA Pharmaceuticals Inc. thru to Zenith Laboratories Inc. the reports:

- Company Name
- Address
- Telephone Number
- Parent Company
- Product Category
- Annual Sales
- Number of Employees
- Executive Names and Titles
- Plant Locations
- Type of Products and Selected Brand Names
- Domestic Divisions, Subsidiaries and/or
Affiliates

Perhaps this reviewer is a little weird but he has to confess that he enjoyed reading this book. However, even the "non-weird" who are employed by or who do business with the pharmaceutical industry should purchase a copy of this book for reference purposes.