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Disposition of Toxic Drugs and Chemicals in Man

Volume 2 Peripherally-acting drugs and common toxic chemicals

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Volume 2 of this two volumes work by the author is presented in the same very readable style as with volume 1. In this case also the printing by typescript photography is very clear and is without any significant errors.

This volume is divided into two principal sections. The first section describes the disposition and metabolism of forty peripherally-acting drugs grouped under the headings anticoagulants, antidiabetics, antihypertensive agents, antiinflammatory agents, cardiac drugs, decongestants, local anesthetics, miscellaneous agents and muscle relaxants. The second section usefully discusses forty one common toxic chemicals which includes anions such as cyanide, fluoride, oxalate and sulfide; liquids and gases such as benzene, methanol, toluene,

and carbon monoxide; metals such as arsenic, lead, mercury and thallium; and finally a group of organochlorine and organophosphorus pesticides.

The information discussed is well supported by approximately 975 references which are up-to-date including some for 1978.

Two very useful Appendices are included in Volume 2 which provide a convenient summary of reference data (dosage, route, frequency, average blood, plasma or serum concentration, average liver concentration and clinical condition) for subjects given potentially toxic therapeutic drugs and for commercial chemicals in frequent use. The references given in the tables of the appendices relate to page numbers in both volumes of the work.

I think the author is to be congratulated on collating such a useful amount of data and Volume 2 will also provide a convenient source of information and reference for pharmacologists, toxicologists, forensic scientists, clinical chemists and for students of these subjects.

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