

As a reference, this book brings together information from diverse sources; if it is as complete as it appears, it should be a useful, and certainly needed, reference source in this area. If more consistent nomenclature results, the consumer will certainly benefit.

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British Pharmaceutical Codex 1973. Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2NN, England, 1973. xxxix + 983 pp. 18 × 26 cm. Price \$27.00. (Available in the United States from Rittenhouse Book Store, 1706 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103.)

The *British Pharmaceutical Codex* provides information on drugs, other pharmaceutical substances, and formulated products, and it also sets recognized standards of identity and purity for a range of substances for which standards are not provided by the *British Pharmacopoeia*. Information on the status and use of drugs is also included.

This edition has been completely redesigned typographically although otherwise follows the same general pattern of the previous edition. Material is presented under the following headings: Drugs and Pharmaceutical Adjuvants, 909 monographs; Immunological Products and Related Preparations, 47 monographs; Preparations of Human Blood, 16 monographs; Surgical Ligatures and Sutures, 18 monographs; Surgical Dressings, 64 monographs; and Formulary, 541 monographs.

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British Medical Bulletin: Catecholamines. Edited by LESLIE L. IVERSON. The British Council, 97 & 99 Park Street, London W1Y 4HQ, England, Volume 29, Number 2, May 1973. 92 pp. Price \$6.50.

This issue is devoted to catecholamine physiology and pharmacology. Sixteen articles review and summarize various aspects of significant catecholamine research. "Mechanisms of Action of Some Antihypertensive Drugs" and "Adrenergic Drugs in the Treatment of Hypertension" will be of particular interest to pharmaceutical scientists.

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Community Survey on Standard Reference Material. Commission of the European Communities, Provisional Secretariat of the Community Bureau of Standards, Directorate-General-Joint Research Centre, Luxembourg, 1973. 88 pp. 21 × 29.5 cm.

This report summarizes the results of a survey of the countries of the European community relative to use of and demand for standard reference materials. Scientific, industrial, and commercial laboratories were consulted. The fields of activity of the laboratories, sources of supply, criteria for choice, and criticisms of available standard reference material are discussed. The demand for these references is analyzed by product family, analytical method the standard is used in, and desired concentration range for the standard. The report is extensively illustrated with graphs.

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