

The chapters are well written, concise, and include adequate diagrams, graphs, and pictures of plates. However, this text in no way covers the complete scope of quantitative TLC. And although it is instructive reading, it is not written to be used as a reference text.

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USAN and the USP Dictionary of Drug Names. Edited by MARY C. GRIFFITHS, MARIE J. DICKERMAN, and LLOYD C. MILLER. U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc., 12601 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, MD 20852, 1975. 352 pp. 21 × 28 cm. Price \$18.50.

This is the 13th edition of "USAN and the USP Dictionary of Drug Names," one of the most comprehensive compilations of its kind. It is an alphabetical list of USAN and many other names for both marketed and investigational drugs. Its more than 10,000 entries include 1403 USAN (all U.S. Adopted Names selected and released from June 1961 through June 1975), more than 1700 investigational drug code designations, USP XIX and NF XIV official names, FDA established names, brand names, and trivial names. Also included are a pronunciation guide, the pharmacological category, and reference to sources of additional information for each entry.

The book contains three appendixes: Guiding Principles for Coining U.S. Adopted Names, Molecular Formulas Corresponding to USAN, and Names and Addresses of Domestic Firms, as well as a cross-index of names by pharmacological category.

This publication is a most valuable reference work for all those involved with pharmaceuticals.

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Webster's Medical Speller. Published by G. & C. Merriam Company, 47 Federal Street, Springfield, MA 01101, 1975. 400 pp. 10.8 × 14.6 cm. Price \$3.95.

"Webster's Medical Speller" is a pocket-sized reference book containing an alphabetical list of 35,000 medical words and technical terms. The book covers the broad field of medicine as well as related fields such as pharmacology, biochemistry, and microbiology. It indicates the correct word division, use of hyphens in compound words, and the most widely used plurals.

Special features include a list of Latin abbreviations used in writing prescriptions, with their full Latin forms and English equivalents; 1500 medical abbreviations; and a list of medical symbols.

This book appears to be a valuable reference aid to everyone communicating in the health-care fields.

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