

**New Drugs 2001. Including All Drugs Approved in 2000 and 2001.** Edited by G. W. A. Milne. Ashgate Publishing Company, Burlington, VT. 2002. xxiii + 154 pp. 12.5 × 25 cm. ISBN 0-566-08516-X. \$90.00.

This book covers the 50 major “new molecular entities” (NMEs) approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) since January 1, 2000. Also included for reference are a few older drugs and some that have not yet received FDA approval. *New Drugs 2001* is the first of a series that is planned for annual publication.

Following an introductory section that considers the social and scientific factors influencing the development, approval, and marketing of selected classes of new drug products, 179 drug entries are presented according to their therapeutic classification, arranged in alphabetical order ranging from ACE inhibitors to vasodilators. Each entry contains an entry number, the most commonly used name of the drug [usually the U.S. Adopted Name (USAN)], the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number, the 13th edition Merck Index number, the European Inventory of Existing Chemical Structures (EINECS) number, chemical structure, chemical name,

molecular formula, synonyms and trade names, patent, regulatory and therapeutic use information, physical and toxicity properties, and manufacturer. The book concludes with indexes to the CAS registry number, EINECS number, subjects and synonyms, and a manufacturer directory that provides the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of major pharmaceutical companies.

All concerned with the development of new drug products may find library access to this book and forthcoming annual issues of interest. Clearly, however, there is significant overlap of the subject matter presented in *New Drugs 2001* with that of the Merck Index and with that of *Annual Reports in Medicinal Chemistry*, particularly the “To Market, To Market” chapter, which is regularly included in this series.

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