

Association News and Announcements

TOPICAL DRUG PRODUCTS WORKSHOP

Principles and Criteria for the Development and Optimization of Topical Therapeutic Products

An AAPS/FDA/industry cosponsored workshop is planned to discuss problems, issues and possible solutions in the development and optimization of topical drug products. The workshop will be held in the Washington D.C. area on March 26–28, 1990. The major objectives of the workshop are:

- 1) Review and evaluate available information on dermatological and other topical products;
- 2) Evaluate relationships between pharmacological activity, drug delivery, and clinical efficacy;
- 3) Identify important principles in the development and optimization of topical drug products;
- 4) Optimization of topical drug products delivery to target sites;

- 5) Identify specific toxicokinetic problems associated with dermatological and other topical products; and
- 6) Regulatory concerns in the evaluation of topical drug products.

A second part of the Topical Drug Product Workshop is being planned for the spring of 1991. The planning committee for the workshop includes: Distinguished Prof. William I. Higuchi (co-chair, University of Utah), Dr. Vinod P. Shah (co-chair, FDA), Dr. Charan R. Behl (co-chair, Roche), Dr. Gordon L. Flynn (Cygnus), Dr. Eugene H. Gans (Hastings Associate, R & D), Dr. Jerry Kruger (University of Utah), Dr. Howard I. Maibach (University of California), Dr. A. Waseem Malick (Roche), Dr. Sergio Nacht (Adv. Polymer Syst.), Dr. Shirley Ng (Ortho. Pharm.), Dr. Russ Potts (Pfizer), Dr. Dinesh Sharma (NIH), Dr. Hans Schaefer (CIRD, France), Dr. Jerry Skelly (FDA), and Dr. M. Wu (Upjohn).