

14904 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

Effect of Controls on Prescription Experience: 1971 Compared to 1975

Since the passage of the Controlled Substances Act in 1970, there has been a marked change in the prescription experience for anorectic products.

These changes may be summarized as follows: ^{3/}

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1975</u>
1. <u>Total patient visits for obesity:</u>	23,668,000	20,601,000
2. <u>Prescription Usage:</u>		
Medical prescriptions of anorectics (initial)	18,373,000	12,413,000
Total second or subsequent prescriptions	7,707,000	7,213,000
Total anorectic prescriptions:	26,080,000	19,626,000
3. <u>Total anorectic prescriptions</u>		
(1) Amphetamines:	16,232,000	5,504,000
(Initial prescriptions)	(13,201,000)	(2,745,000)
(2) Non-amphetamines:	9,848,000	14,122,000
(Subsequent prescriptions)	(5,172,000)	(9,668,000)
Total anorectic prescriptions:	26,080,000	19,626,000
4. Reduction in total anorectic prescriptions from 1971 to 1975		<u>- 6,454,000</u>

^{3/} These data are based upon the National Disease and Therapeutic Drug Index (Non-Endocrine Obesity) and its National Prescription Audit.