

15284 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

The Drug Efficacy Study of the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council has requested that the following qualifying addendum be conveyed with their reports to the ultimate recipients of these reports:

"Drugs of identical chemical composition (so-called generic drugs) formulated and marketed by numerous individual firms under generic or trademarked names have been evaluated for efficacy as a group without consideration of 'therapeutic equivalence.' In the event that no evidence for pharmacological availability or therapeutic efficacy in man can be presented for any of the indications claimed for the use of any of the drugs in the attached listing, their classifications of effectiveness may need to be modified if regulations of the Food and Drug Administration require such proof."