

Certain specific drugs within their respective categories were preferred in all of the adult hospitals as shown in Table 5. A review of over 200 papers reporting on the efficacy of many of these agents revealed that very few studies were well controlled. Therefore, it would appear that general acceptance of a given drug is frequently based on personal experience.

Muller has reviewed the importance of proper prescription writing. (17) Physicians who write prescriptions which lack precision and have poor style and incomplete instructions are unintentionally adding more variables to the problems of drug usage. (18) The present study documents the fact that improper prescription writing included omission of route and frequency orders. While this study is descriptive and is not intended to lead to any objective conclusions, it does document the need for more studies of multidrug therapy, and more care in the writing of drug orders.

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Generic and trade names of drugs

Bisacodyl—*Dulcolax*.
 Chlordiazepoxide hydrochloride—*Librium*.
 Chloramphenicol—*Chloromycetin*, *Cylphenicol*, *Tega-Cetin*.
 Chlorpromazine hydrochloride—*Thorazine Hydrochloride*.
 Chlorothiazide—*Diuril*.
 Dexamethasone—*Decadron*, *Dexameth*, *Gammacorten*, *Hexadrol*.
 Dihydroxydramine Hydrochloride—*Blenadryl*, *Valdrene*.
 Dried aluminum hydroxide gel—*Alkagel*, *Amphojel*, *Creamalin*.
 Hexachlorophene—*G-11*, *Germa-Medica*, *pHisoHex*, *Septisol*.
 Hydrochlorothiazide—*Esidrix*, *Hydrodiuril*, *Oretic*.
 Hydroxyzine hydrochloride—*Atarax*, *Vistaril*.
 Meperidine hydrochloride—*Demerol*, *Hydrochloride*, *Pro-Meperdan*.
 Meralluride injection—*Mercurhydrin*.
 Mercaptomerin sodium—*Thiomerin*, *Sodium*.
 Metaraminol bitartrate—*Aramine*, *Pressonea Bitartrate*.
 Paromomycin sulfate—*Humatin*.
 Pentobarbital sodium—*Nembutal Sodium*.
 Phenylephrine hydrochloride—*Aquamephyton*, *Konakion*, *Mephyton*, *Mono-Kay*.
 Prednisone—*Deltasone*, *Deltra*, *Meticorten*, *Paracort*.
 Prochlorperazine—*Compazine*.
 Promazine hydrochloride—*Sparine*.
 Propoxyphene hydrochloride—*Darvon*.
 Secobarbital—*Seconal*.
 Tetracycline—*Achrocmycin*, *Tetracycln*.
 Tolbutamide—*Orinase*.

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