

But if the physician cannot be given this assurance, his clinical judgment would dictate that he use only the product which can be expected to yield the desired clinical effects--regardless of cost or any other nonmedical factor.

The physician should be given assurance--not in the form of advertising, promotion, or the established image of the manufacturer involved, but in the form of objective, scientific data. In view of the thousands of drug products on the market, the accumulation of such data might seem to be monumental. But, with the exception of a few drugs for which adequate analytical methods are currently unknown, the Task Force has found that the problem is by no means insoluble.

#### Clinical Equivalency and Biological Equivalency

For the direct determination of clinical equivalency, it would be necessary to compare drug products containing the same active ingredient, in the same tablet or capsule or other dosage form, in the same amounts, and measurement of their relative effects in human patients in the alleviation of symptoms or the control of a specific disease.