

U.S. Pharmacopeia, the National Formulary, the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the Drug Information Association, the National Pharmaceutical Council, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Library of Medicine, and various universities and State agencies.

Based on the vital necessity to relate cost analysis and utilization studies to how and why drugs are being used, the classification scheme is designed to accomodate products by categories reflecting their intended therapeutic action. This version makes it possible to place drugs in multiple settings. Final data collection will survey these settings and provide cost breakdowns and other cost analyses according to actual drug usage.

Application of the classification will have obvious importance for economic administrative procedures. More significantly, it will play an important part in developing information needed for improving the quality of health care.

The Task Force recommends that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Department of Defense, and the Veterans Administration should test the proposed