

[23] In considering the above discussion, it should be understood that the entry of Quadrigen on the market in July 1959 was not a response to a situation in which an epidemic or need existed justifying the risk of premature marketing since products were already available to the medical profession which satisfactorily accomplished that which Quadrigen was designed to do. *Stromsodt v. Parke-Davis & Co.*, supra 257 F.Supp. pp. 996-997.

[24] In addition to defendant's negligence in failing to further test its product in the face of evidence that the quadruple antigen was unstable, and in the absence of a public need justifying its premature release on the market, defendant was similarly negligent in not adequately warning the medical profession of the dangers inherent in its use.

25[-28] It is the opinion of this Court that a drug manufacturer is under a duty to warn the medical profession of dangers inherent in its biological drugs which, in the exercise of reasonable care, it knew or should have known to exist. *Sterling Drug, Inc. v. Cornish*, 370 F.2d 82, 84-85 (8th Cir. 1966); *Stromsodt v. Parke-Davis & Co.*, supra, 257 F.Supp. at 997; *Love v. Wolf* 26 Cal.App.2d 378, 38 Cal.Rptr. 183 (1964); *Alfieri v. Cabot Corp.*, 17 A.D.2d 455, 235 N.Y. S.2d 753 (1st Dep't 1962), aff'd, 12 N.Y.2d 1098, 240 N.Y.S.2d 163, 190 N.E.2d 535 (1963); *Marcus v. Specific Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 82 N.Y.S.2d 194 (Sup.Ct.1948); *Frumer & Friedman*, supra § 33.01[3]; *Restatement (Second) of Torts* § 388 (1965); *Rheingold* at 993, 994. "Watering down" the substance of a warning so as to give false assurance to the medical profession that a drug or biological can be safely administered, thereby minimizing the danger which exists in the use of a product, amounts to an inadequate warning. *Love v. Wolf*, supra, 38 Cal.Rptr. at 193, 197; *Alfieri v. Cabot Corp.* supra; *Rheingold* at 993, 994. Inasmuch as doctors have the right to and in fact do rely on the brochures sent to them by the manufacturers regarding safety in the use of their products, *Gielskie v. State*, 18 Misc.2d 508, 191 N.Y.S.2d 436, 439 (Ct.Cl.1959), rev'd on other grounds 10 A.D.2d 471, 200 N.Y.S.2d 691 (3rd Dep't 1960), aff'd, 9 N.Y.2d 834, 216 N.Y.S.2d 85, 175 N.E.2d 455 (1961), a manufacturer is negligent who, after reporting the results of its tests to the FDA and on the strength of those reports markets its products, discovers new harmful side effects produced by the drug, yet fails to send out warnings of this new development to the foreseeable users, i.e., doctors and dispensaries, *Sterling Drug, Inc. v. Cornish*, supra, 370 F.2d at 85; *De Vito v. United Airlines Inc.*, 98 F.Supp. 88, 96 (E.D.N.Y. 1951); *Gielskie v. State*, supra; *Rheingold* at 995.

Since the relevant portions of the warning which Parke-Davis issued in the form of a package insert are specifically set forth in the express warranty portion of this opinion, there is no need to recite them at this time.

Knowing that the only advantage in administering Quadrigen rather than the trivalent vaccine was the reduction from two to one of the number of inoculations required for each immunization, it is reasonable to assume that had the doctors been informed that greater reactivity could be expected from the quadruple antigen, they would not have subjected their patients to needless risk by using this product. Fully realizing this, Parke-Davis, employing the technique of ambiguity and a shrewd use of descriptive adjectives, was able to gloss over those facts which would have dissuaded the doctors and dispensaries from using their product, thereby lulling the medical profession into a false sense of security.

[29] The brochure states that "[t]he incidence [of reactions with Quadrigen] is usually no greater than is normally expected with trivalent vaccine." (Emphasis added.) This statement is misleading in that it reasonably permits one to conclude that the results from the studies conducted by the manufacturer have shown that Quadrigen has produced no greater reactions in the recipients thereof than did Triogen, with the exception of an insignificant number of isolated instances. Of course, this was not true. If Parke-Davis thought that in this instance it could legitimately use the word "usually" to mean "in a majority of the lots tested", it was clearly in error, for under that interpretation the manufacturer could conceal from the medical profession a 49 per cent increase in the reaction rate of its products. For example, if Product A and Product B produce reaction rates of 50 per cent and 60 per cent, respectively, in all the lots tested, it is conceivable that a manufacturer could represent that there is "usually" no greater reaction found to exist in Product B than in Product A, relying on the fact that only 1 additional person out of every 10 tested reacted to Product B. This method of linguistic distortion is grossly misleading. Clearly, any significant increase found to exist in the reaction rate of a particular drug must be disclosed.

[30] As hereinbefore stated, a study conducted by Dr. Sauer, submitted for publication in June 1959, revealed that 7 per cent of the children inoculated