

PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION OF FURADANTIN

Furadantin was not as controversial a drug nor perhaps so spectacular as some of the drugs reported in this study so it had not had as many articles written about it.

A professional bibliography starting in 1952 and including some of the early 1955 articles had 79 listings, however.

And 13 papers in which nitrofurantoin occupied a major portion of the discussion had been read at medical meetings from 1952 through 1954.

CONCENTRATION OF FURADANTIN PRESCRIPTIONS

A total of 26 Fond du Lac area physicians reported that they had prescribed Furadantin at some time but only five of them appear in the four prescription audits.

Two of these doctors accounted for 10 of the 13 prescriptions—Internist "A" and Specialist "A." These two doctors were directly responsible for 87% of the Furadantin dollar volume. The other three doctors are another internist and two general practitioners with special interest in obstetrics and gynecology.

Four-Week Furadantin prescriptions

	Number	Price
Total	13	\$149
Internist "A"	7	\$103
Specialist "A"	3	26
Three other prescribers	3	20

The above figures (although not large) seem to establish the fact that in the Fond du Lac area, at least, Furadantin was a specialist's drug. This was a fact that Eaton evidently realized when it elected to stress it most strongly among urologists.