

PROFESSIONAL EVALUATIONS OF ACHROMYCIN (TETRACYCLINE)

It can be said, with reasonable justification, that the former success of penicillin and Aureomycin had the professional world eagerly awaiting Achromycin, especially since it was reported to be effective over a wider range and to be somewhat better tolerated.

A partial bibliography of only the first year's writings on Achromycin shows 118 titles, and the number of papers read at medical meetings is also impressive.

GENERAL PUBLIC INFLUENCE

The influence of the public on physicians with respect to Achromycin may or may not have been of much importance.

On the one hand, as one of the "wonder drugs" Achromycin had received its share of attention in the lay press; and the public should have been more aware of it than of any other drug.

On the other hand, physicians were made thoroughly aware of Achromycin early enough so that any mention of this drug by patients would have been like "carrying coal to Newcastle." Then, too, many people probably did not distinguish between Aureomycin and Achromycin.