

THERAPEUTIC AGENTS AND PHARMACY REVIEWS COMMITTEE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

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The committee met at 1:00pm on March 9, 1972.

ATTENDANCE: Dr. John Martin, Chairman, Acting Chief of Staff
Dr. Phil Harbrecht, Chief, Surgery
Dr. Shelby Hicks, Ass't. Chief Psychiatry
Miss M. O'Toole, Chief, Nursing Service
Mr. H. Blakeman, Chief, Supply
Mr. Tom Patterson, Secretary, Chief, Pharmacy

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The following drugs and new dosage forms were approved for permanent stocking:
 - a. MYLICON (Simethicone) Chewable tablets - 40mg. Antiflatulent drug which can be used with an antacid (GELUSIL liquid or ALUDROX tablets). Normal dosage is one tablet after meals and at bedtime. Relatively inexpensive.
 - b. CETAMIDE (Sodium Sulfacetamide Ophthalmic Ointment 10% - To be used in place of Sodium Sulamyd ointment because it is a sterile preparation.
 - c. Methylene Blue (65mg.), Copaiba (65mg.) and Santal Oil (0.03ml.) tablets - Requested by Urology for occasional usage in patients to prevent formation of renal calculi and to aid in dissolution of some types of stones.
 - d. COLACE (Diethyl Sodium Sulfosuccinate) capsules - 100mg. to be used in place of SURFAK (Diethyl Calcium Sulfosuccinate) when present supply is exhausted. Cost is one half as much as SURFAK. Presence of Sodium ion should not be a problem. Dosage of the two drugs is similar, one at bedtime should be sufficient. DOXINATE (Diethyl Sodium Sulfosuccinate) 5% Solution and DOXIDAN will continue to be stocked.
 - e. POLYSAL-M (Maintenance Electrolyte Solution) with 5% Dextrose - 1000 ml. sterile solution. It will replace POLYSAL effective immediately. Each liter of POLYSAL-M contains the following mEq. : Sodium (Na) - 40; Potassium (K) - 16; Calcium (Ca) - 5; Magnesium (Mg) - 3; Chloride (Cl) - 40; Bicarbonate (HCO₃) - 24. All wards will please return their stocks of POLYSAL and order POLYSAL -M if necessary. Cost of the two solutions is about the same.