

6. The British Medical Journal February 6, 1971, informs that diphenylhydantoin intoxication may be noted in patients on combined long-term therapy with diphenylhydantoin - benzodiazepine therapy. Increased incidence of neurological signs of diphenylhydantoin toxicity were reported after six weeks of combined therapy with chlordiazepoxide or diazepam.

7. The following products are now marketed by USV Pharmaceutical Corp:

- (1) Azolid Tabs 100 mg - USV
(Phenylbutazone)
- (2) Azolid-A Caps - USV
(Phenylbutazone - Aluminum Hydroxide-Magnesium Trisilicate)
- (3) Meltrol-25 Tabs - USV
(Phenformin HCl)
- (4) Meltrol-50 Caps - USV
- (5) Meltrol-100 Caps - USV
(Timed-Disintegration Caps)
- (6) Oxalid Tabs 100 mg - USV
(Oxyphenbutazone)
- (7) Presamine Tabs 10 mg, 25mg, 50 mg - USV
(Imipramine HCL)

8. The following Ciba-Geigy products are now marketed by USV Pharmaceutical Corp. under their original name:

- (1) Doriden (Glutethimide NF)
- (2) Hygroton (Chlorthalidone USP)
- (3) Regroton (Chlorthalidone USP - Reserpine USP)
- (4) Pertofrane (Desipramine HCl NF)

9. Experimental work with the hormone medrogestone, administered orally or parenterally, has given good results in shrinking the diseased prostate making an operation unnecessary, informs Dr. William R. Fair, assistant professor of surgery at Stanford University.

10. DM&S Circular 10-72-27 Purchase of Ineffective Drugs "was reviewed by the Committee. This circular informs that necessary measures be taken to see that no VA Funds are expended for the procurement of (Rating 1) Drugs classified by NAS/NRC as "lacking substantial evidence of efficacy", without prior approval of Central Office.

11. Riker Labs. Inc. Letter, March 1, 1972, "Current Status of Norflex Tabs" was discussed by the Committee. Norflex was rated "possibly effective" (Rating 2) by the NAS/NRC. Riker was given a period of time to develop new and additional data proving the efficacy of this product. This has been done and at this time Riker is awaiting a final decision from the FDA, while continuing to market and sell this product.