

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 8887

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Therapeutic Agents Board Meeting
and Adverse Drug Reaction Report

Also discussed under Schedule II drugs was Preludin Tablets. It was decided to retain this drug as it is being used; usage will be observed in the next quarter to determine whether or not to delete at a later date.

d. Discussion on possible reduction of number of parenteral solutions presently stocked in hospital - LTC Maeder, Acting Chief, Logistics Division brought out the fact that these solutions have been stocked in every possible combination and size and are available through Pharmacy Service, Central Issue Section and Central Materiel Section. For example, Dextrose alone is stocked in combination with as many as 40 items. LTC Maeder was granted permission to draw up a listing of all standard and non-standard items, including all combinations, and usage from each source of supply. Complete nomenclature and cost for each unit to be included. This listing will be distributed to each Department Chief to determine usage in each Department or Service and TAB members will report results at next meeting for possible deletion of some of these solutions. The Chairman stated he would like the Board to discuss at the next meeting the possibility of consolidating the issue of all IV's from Pharmacy Service, instead of three separate locations as under the present system.

e. The following were submitted as new drug requests and it is recommended that they be added to the Formulary, with restrictions cited:

(1) Sodium Sulfacetamide, Phenylephrine Ophth Sol (Vasosulf) --

(Physician felt the presently stocked 15% Sulfacetamide was too strong a solution and preferred the 10% as in Vasosulf.)

(2) Diagnex Blue Kit --

(Usage infrequent. Used as screening test to rule out pernicious anemia in selected patients with peripheral neuropathies.)

(3) Bayer Long-Acting Aspirin --

(This item is advantageous particularly to arthritic patients who have pain during the night because of its long-acting