

12344 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION OF THE DRUG RESEARCH BOARD WITH REGARD TO DRUG PRODUCT

ANTISUBSTITUTION LAWS

1. WHEREAS, The patient's welfare should be the ultimate goal of statutes and regulations concerning drug product selection, which in operational terms means the best product for the lowest cost, and
2. WHEREAS, The physician must have the ultimate responsibility and authority in drug product selection, since he has the fullest knowledge of the patient's needs and responses with attendant obligation to be held accountable for his selection of particular drug products, and
3. WHEREAS, The pharmacist may, in some situations, have greater knowledge of drug products than other health professionals, including knowledge of both quality and costs, and
4. WHEREAS, It is appropriate that decisions with regard to the choice of drug products be made by the health professional possessing the greatest amount of information involved in the particular selection in question, with the attendant accountability, therefore, be it
5. RESOLVED, That the physician, having selected the chemical entity to be used for therapy, should be required either to delegate to the pharmacist, or explicitly to retain to himself, selection of the particular drug product to be dispensed and received by the patient.

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EXHIBIT I