

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 12345

Statement Clarifying October 25 Resolution
of
Drug Research Board on Drug Prescribing

Adopted March 14, 1975

In clarification of the Resolution, attention should be drawn to the second "WHEREAS", which unequivocally states that:

"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. . ."

In this context, the intent of the Resolution by the Drug Research Board was that the physician, having selected the chemical entity to be used for therapy, should be required to make a choice, each time a drug is prescribed, 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.

In retaining to the physician the responsibility for drug selection, the Drug Research Board adopted no position with respect to changes in, or repeal of, drug Anti-Substitution Laws.

EXHIBIT II