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[REVIEWER'S EXPERT OPINION]

Laurence A. Goldberg

This book is considered to be the gold standard for information on injectable drugs and it is widely used by pharmacists and other healthcare professionals across the world.

The 18th edition brings together, in 338 monographs, information on injectable drugs available commercially in the United States and in other countries. The aim of this book has remained unchanged over four decades. About half of the monographs have been revised and updated for this edition. The sources of this information are accumulated from 2,910 references, including 80 new to the edition. Although primary peer-reviewed literature remains the major source of information of stability and compatibility, beginning with this edition, references from pharmaceuticals research carried out by the pharmaceutical industry have been incorporated.

Drug monographs are organised alphabetically by non-proprietary name. The names of the drugs follow the style of the USP Dictionary of Drug Names. American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information reference codes are conveniently located at the top of each monograph to refer the reader to more detailed information. The monographs are divided into the following subheadings; products, administration, stability, compatibility and other information. The tables of compatibility for the subject drug in infusion solutions and with other drugs in admixtures, syringes and during simultaneous administration through manifolds and Y-sites are arranged by category. The section on “products” lists the sizes, strengths, volumes and pharmaceutical forms along with the other components of the formulation and instructions for reconstitution. The pH and the osmotic value of the resultant solutions are also presented along with miscellaneous information such as sodium content.

The book is available in print form, online or via a tablet or smartphone. The interactive versions (price US\$400) have also been enhanced and now include regular electronic updates, US Food and Drug Administration Medwatch notices and drug shortages information.

Pharmacists have long complained that the expiry times for reconstituted injections supplied by the manufacturers are conservative and, in many cases, research shows that longer expiry times are feasible. A particularly useful feature of the digital version is that it has gathered together much of this information for parenteral drugs and nutritional solutions.

It is an essential reference source for those professionals involved in the preparation of clinical use of injectable drugs. This edition does not bear the name of Lawrence Trissel. He spent tens of thousands of

hours preparing the first 17 editions. His time was well spent as his efforts have made a major contribution to improving patient safety. Pharmacists across the world owe him a huge debt of gratitude. The 18th edition follows in the footsteps of all that has gone before.

(Laurence A. Goldberg *Pharmaceutical Journal* 2015-01-24)

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By ASHP

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[REVIEWER'S EXPERT OPINION]

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Description

Now in its 18th edition, this is the quintessential reference for information on parenteral drug stability and compatibility. Published by ASHP (the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists), it is the most up-to-date book for this type of information. The previous edition was published in 2012 and is now out of date.

Purpose

The purpose is to provide those who prescribe, dispense/prepare, and administer parenteral medications the best information possible to optimize safe patient care. Recent news of unsafe and nonsterile compounding practices that have led to medication tragedies highlights more than ever the importance of a solid, fully referenced book on drug stability and compatibility. As a still practicing hospital pharmacist, I can't begin to count the number of times I have referenced this book to provide compatibility and stability information in response to nursing staff requests.

Audience

It is written for any healthcare provider directly dealing with parenteral medications. Obviously, pharmacists will find it of most value for the preparation of drugs and for providing information to nursing staff about compatibility of parenterals. First developed in 1977 by Lawrence A. Trissel, to this day the book is referred to as *Trissel's*. This edition, with over 2,900 references, is the gold standard reference on this topic.

Features

The book alphabetically lists the names of the products, information on administration routes, stability and storage requirements, compatibility information with other drugs (dependent upon concentration of the drug and other factors), and the designation of such compatibility. All of the information is fully referenced.

Assessment

I have been using this book for nearly 20 years, and as a hospital pharmacist I really can't imagine a department of pharmacy being without it. As the Editorial Review Group Chair in Pharmacy for Doody's, I have selected this as a Doody's Core Title. This is a necessary update - indeed, the publisher states that all previous editions are considered to be out of date.

Weighted Numerical Score: 97 - 5 Stars!

(Patrick J McDonnell, Pharm.D.(Temple University School of Pharmacy) *Doody Review Services* 2015-07-06)

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