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Pharmaceuticals: Classes, Therapeutic Agents, Areas of Application. By McGuire, John L. (ed.). Wiley-VCH, Weinheim. 2000. VI, 2315 Pages (in 4 Volumes). Hardcover 1998.- DM / 1021.56 EUR / 1778.- SFR. ISBN 3-527-29874-6

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The pharmaceutical industry - an important segment of the chemical industry - is technologically prolific. Not only has it been historically successful in providing valuable new drugs, but its research and development laboratories have also made significant contributions to our understanding of disease. Mainly because of the success of the industry, people today can look forward to longer and healthier lives than ever before. Pharmaceuticals - Classes, Therapeutic Agents and Areas of Application provides an authoritative coverage of the subject area. Important pharmaceuticals and disease symptoms to be treated are discussed, along with a survey of the industry, regulatory aspects and the procedure to be followed from the discovery of a new pharmacologically active agent to its marketing as a drug.

Internationally respected authors from both industry and academia in many of the world's major industrialized countries provide a complete picture.

Top-quality illustrations, clear diagrams and charts, and the extensive use of tables enhance presentation and provide a unique level of detail, plus a keyword, author and a CAS-registry-number index round off the contents of this handbook.

This work will be an invaluable source of information for pharmaceutical chemists, medicinal chemists, chemical engineers, patent attorneys, marketing specialists and all those involved in today's pharmaceutical industry.

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