

BOOK REVIEW

Achieving Sterility in Medical and Pharmaceutical Products.

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This is a practically oriented book, which covers a number of topics of direct relevance to anyone interested in the development, production or evaluation of sterile products.

Among the topics covered are: sterilization by: gamma radiation saturated steam, ethylene oxide, filtration and dry heat. Aseptic manufacture, sterility assurance, maintenance of stability and regulatory issues are also considered.

The author, who is based at the Glaxo facility in County Durham, England writes lucidly and gives attention to both US and European data. References are perhaps somewhat sparse for some chapters. However, since this is essentially a "technology" rather than "science" book I do not think that this is a problem. Some references are as late as 1992 so the book is up-to-date. The book is well-illustrated by both figures and tables.

This book is likely to be of value to anyone with a professional interest in sterile products. It provides sound coverage of basic principles and operations.

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