

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Herbal Remedies 1999**, edited by T. Brendler, J. Gruenwald and C. Jaenicke. medpharm Scientific Publishers, Stuttgart, 1999. CD-ROM. Price: DM / sFr 224 / öS 1635. ISBN 3-88763-071-8.

The previous version of this bilingual (English and German) database on CD-ROM was reviewed in this journal in 1998 (**DMDI** Vol. 14 (3): 207-208). It covers over 700 plants with their synonyms, describing their history, botany, pharmacology, toxicology and therapeutic properties. Phytopharmacology is a topic of growing interest with the worldwide spread of the use of Chinese and Indian folk remedies. This is an updated version, with a better user interface and search functions.

**Responsibility for Drug-Induced Injury: A Reference Book for Lawyers, the Health Professions and Manufacturers**, 2nd Edition, by Graham Dukes, Mark Mildred and Barbara Swartz. IOS Press, Amsterdam, 1998. Hard cover, 537 pages. Price not given. ISBN: 90-5199-387-0.

The authors are professors of drug policy studies, advanced litigation and law, from The Netherlands, England and the USA, respectively. This book contains 21 extensive chapters, illustrated by reference to actual cases:

- Characteristics of drug injury
- The legal framework
- Causation of injury
- The assessment of severity
- Availability and dependability of sources of knowledge
- Determination of liability
- Responsibility of the hospital and health institution
- Responsibility of the prescriber
- Responsibility of the specialized prescriber
- Responsibility of the community pharmacist or drug retailer
- Responsibility of the patient
- Responsibility of the manufacturer or intermediate trader

- Responsibility of governments and official agencies
- Second generation injury
- Drugs of addiction, psychotropic drugs and illegal drug use
- Clinical investigation of drugs
- Self-medication
- Complementary medicine and non-orthodox treatment
- Vaccines and biologicals
- Drugs in developing countries
- Strict liability and no-fault compensation schemes

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