

## Book review

### **Modern Pharmaceutics Fourth Edition, Revised and Expanded**

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This new edition of *Modern Pharmaceutics* follows the same format and has the same goals as previous editions.

It regroups 28 contributions from 45 contributors and deals with various aspects concerning Pharmaceutics: drug products, drug absorption, pharmacokinetics, factors influencing drug absorption and drug availability, effects of route of administration and distribution on drug action, chemical kinetics and drug stability, preformulation, cutaneous and transdermal delivery, disperse systems, tablet dosage forms, hard and soft

shell capsules, parenteral products, ophthalmic pharmaceutical products, pulmonary route sustained- and controlled-release drug delivery systems, target-oriented drug-delivery systems, packaging of pharmaceutical dosage forms, formulation and processing, food and drug laws, European aspects of the regulation of drug products, pediatric and geriatric aspects, biotechnology-based pharmaceuticals, veterinary forms, dietary supplements, bioequivalency, drug information. Managed care and pharmacotherapy management.

At the end of the volume, the editors present a view of the future. An index is provided.

This book will be useful for medicinal chemists wishing to increase their knowledge about pharmaceuticals.