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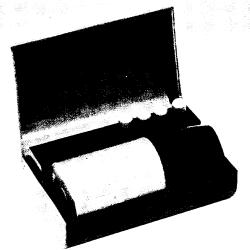
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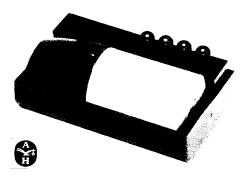
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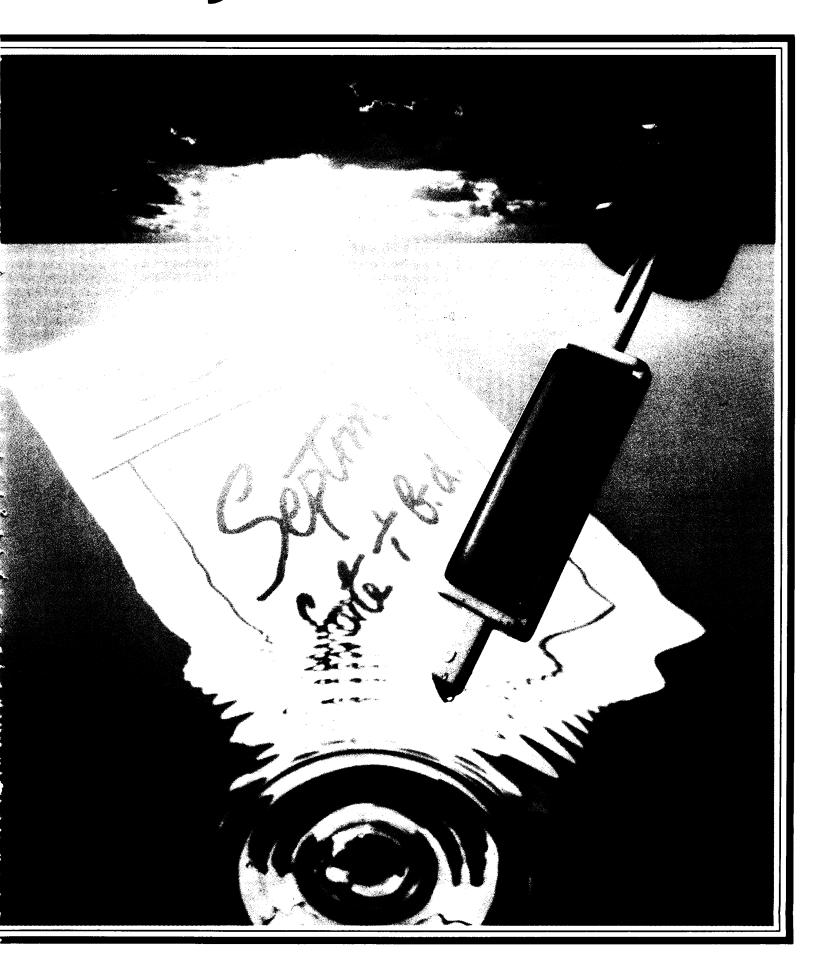
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Prescribing information: PRESENTATION: Packs containing 4 x 5 ml white freeze-dried material (venom) from either honey bees or wasps, together with 4 x 4.5 ml of NSA diluent (normal serum albumin). Each vial of venom contains 100 µg of venom per ml when reconstituted with 1.2 ml of NSA diluent. Also packs of 10 x 4.5 ml NSA diluent. USES: Diagnosis and treatment of allergy to insect strings. DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION: To establish starting dose for desensitisation, titration by "modified prick-test" is used. Injections for desensitisation are given subcutaneously. "Modified Rush" schedule is recommended. For full details see the package insect, which must be read before use. CONTRA-INDICATIONS: Other serious immunological illness, infections, and pregnancy. Pregnancy is not an absolute contra-indication, but the risk to a foetus of a possible anaphylactic reaction must beconsidered. PRECAUTONS: To be used on the advice or guidance of a specialist. Full sterile procedure to be followed for injections. A fing graduated syringe is recommended. Avoid intravascular injection – check by aspiration of syringe. With insect sting allergies, there is a slight possibility of anaphylactic or generalized reaction following an injection — the patient must bekept under observation for at least one hour after each injection, and full facilities for treating such reactions (eg: adrenalin injection) should be immediately available. SIDE EFFECTS: Local allergic reactions or, more rarely, generalized allergic reactions. If a reaction occurs the course should be modified according to the dosage schedule given in the package insert.

PHARMACEUTCAL PRECAUTIONS: Store at 2-8°C. Shelf life is 2 years for both Freeze-dried venoms and NSA diluent. After reconstitution solutions for vaccination have a shelf life of 4 weeks at 2-8°C. Venoms in solution and NSA diluent must not be frozen. LEGAL CATEGORY: POM. PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBERS: PL 0009/0024 (Bee Venom, with diluent).

It is therefore particularly encouraging that 74% of patients in this study reported that they were much less tired, more energetic, more active physically and more mentally relaxed than when on their previous antihypertensive therapy. 991

The antihypertensive

TRANDATE'S BALANCED MODE OF ACTION

Trandate has a mode of action that is different from that of any other currently available antihypertensive agent. It provides the benefits of both beta-blockade and peripheral vasodilatation. And in just one drug.

Trandate lowers blood pressure by reducing peripheral resistance. However, where Trandate differs from simple peripheral vasodilators is that it concurrently blocks beta-adrenoceptors, notably in the heart.

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This beta-blockade protects the heart from the reflex sympathetic drive which is normally induced by peripheral vasodilatation thus blood pressure is lowered, but without cardiac stimulation. And because this beta-blockade is competitive, cardiac output is not significantly reduced at rest or after moderate exercise.^{2,3}

Thus Trandate is able to restore a more normal circulation.

SMOOTHING PEAKS IN BLOOD PRESSURE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND NIGHT

The normal changes in blood pressure as a result of stress, exercise and circadian variation can be harmful to the hypertensive patient placing additional stress on an already strained cardiovascular system.

Trandate smoothes

Prescribing Information: Presentation and Basic NHS Cost Trandate Tablets 100mg, Trandate Tablets 200mg and Trandate Tablets 400mg each contain 100mg, 200mg and 400mg labetalol hydrochloride, respectively. In containers of 50 and 250 tablets, Basic NHS cost of 50 tablets of each strength is £4.54, £7.32 and £11.64. Indications Treatment of all grades of hypertension when oral antihypertensive therapy is indicated. Dosage and Administration Treatment may start with one 200mg tablet twice daily but in some patients including those already being treated with antihypertensive drugs, the elderly and those of low body weight, one 100mg tablet twice daily is more appropriate. If the blood pressure is not controlled by the initial dosage, increases should be made at intervals of about 14 days. Many patients have satisfactory belood pressure control on 400mg daily. A twice daily dosage regimen can be maintained up to a total daily dose of 800mg. However, resistant cases may require higher doses. In these patients it is preferable to administer Trandate three or four times a day to minimise side-effects. Trandate tablets should preferably be taken with frood. Trandate therapy is not applicable to children. Contra-Indications. Here are no known absolute contra-Indications. Warming. There have been reports of skin rashes and/or dry eyes associated with the use of beta-adrenoceptor blocking drugs. The reported incidence is small and in most cases the symptoms have cleared when the treatment was withdrawn. Discontinuation of the drug should be constitution is not otherwise explicable. Cessation of therapy with a beta-adrenoceptor blocking drug should be gradual. Prescautions Trandate should not be given to patients with uncompensated or digitalis-resistant heart failure or with attrioventricular block. The presence of severe liver disease may necessitate reduced doses of Trandate. Care should be taken in asthmatic patients and others prone to bronchospasm. Unmercessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pr

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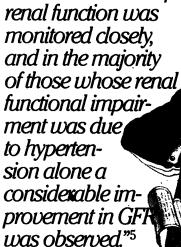
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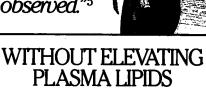
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USEFUL IN PATIENTS WITH IMPAIRED RENAL FUNCTION

Trandate is particularly useful in the hypertensive patient with impaired renal function.4

"The drug did not seem to cause any significant deterioration in the GFR of those patients whose





It is also reassuring to know that Trandate does not cause a rise in plasma lipid levels. "Until we know the long-term **EMPLOYING A SIMPLE** DOSAGE REGIMEN

not cause such changes. (Trandate)

appears to be such a drug."6

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Application Forms, further information and Conditions of Acceptance may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU. Closing date for Application is 19th June 1981.

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Cost £64 includes accommodation and meals (Section 63 approval applied for).

Further details from Dr P. B. Havelock, Hawthornden, Bourne End, Bucks.

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Course tutors will be Dr J. Cobb (consultant psychiatrist), Dr R. France (general practitioner) and Professor A. Mathews (clinical psychologist).

The course will be limited to 20 participants and the closing date for applications is 31 July 1981.

For further details and application forms please contact Mrs I. M. Hopton Scott, General Practitioner Department, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, 14 Ulster Place, London NW1 5HD. Tel: 01-935 8173.

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Occasional Paper 10

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- 1. A nominee must have accomplished an outstanding academic work in the field of primary health care, to the benefit of mankind.
- 2. The work submitted must have already been printed and published. An accompanying Arabic abstract is preferred if it is published in any other language.
- 3. The work must have been carried out according to the principles of scientific research and study.
- 4. The work submitted must not have previously been awarded a prize by any educational institution, scientific organization or foundation.
- 5. The nomination must be submitted by a recognized educational institution, such as a university, academy or research centre. Nominations submitted by individuals and political parties will not be accepted.
- 6. The nominations must give full particulars of the nominee's academic background, experience and/or publications, copies of his educational certificates and three 6 x 9 cm photographs.
- 7. Ten copies of the nomination are to be sent by registered airmail to the General Secretariat, King Faisal International Prize, P.O. Box 352, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 8. The last date for submission of nominations is 19 August 1981. Nomination papers received after this date will not be considered unless the award of the prize is postponed.
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