Isolation and identification of drugs in Pharmaceuticals, body fluids, and post-mortem material. Vol. 2.

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Abstract: The deserved success of Volume 1 of this book, which appeared [Abstr. Hyg., 1969, v. 44, abstr. 3161], has led to the early appearance of this volume. The interval between the two is relatively short but the number an
the calls upon the analyst have also increased greatly during the last quinquennium.
The first part, which is on analytical technique, deals with the screening of biological fluids for the purposes of clinical toxicology. It has been re-written and extended to include contemporary analytical methodology involving the use of sophisticated equipment. Information is presented which supplements many of the original chapters in Volume 1-on general screening, on extraction methods, on chromatography (paper, thin-layer and gas), on absorption spectrophotometry, colour tests, mass spectrometry and radioimmunoassay. As before, clear directions are given, supplemented by simple diagrams.

Part 2 is a series of monographs on drugs, including 250 extra compounds arranged alphabetically. Each monograph is a complete guide to the compound. Perhaps most useful of all are the indices to analytical data assembled in Part 3, with long lists of drugs given under each item, for example, melting-points, absorption maxima, and spectra. Appendices on reagents, special tests and an up-to-date bibliography complete the text, which is served by a good general index and a loose-leaf pamphlet with some important addenda for 1975.

As a companion and supplement to Volume 1, or as an alternative to that book, this volume will, I feel sure, continue to occupy a place of prominence in all well-stocked analytical laboratories. J. D. P. Graham

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