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Preface

This text is written to provide students studying for a doctorate in pharmacy with an overview of pharmaceutics that connects this science to the practice of pharmacy. The presentation that follows is a result of the judicious consideration of the subject matter of pharmaceutics in light of what today's pharmacists do and what future pharmacists will do in their practices. These carefully selected, essential principles are presented in concise form accompanied by examples of their application.

The first six chapters present the fundamental principles relating to the behavior of solids, solutions and dispersed systems, solubility, stability, and the processes that move drugs from the dosage form to the portion of the body where the drug's receptor is located. The reader is introduced to the scientific basis of generic substitution in the chapter on bioavailability and bioequivalence. The remaining chapters present drug delivery organized by route of administration.

Each chapter reinforces the same basic principles of dosage form design: drug chemistry considerations, materials and methods to prepare a dosage form with the desired qualities and characteristics of the route in which these systems are administered to deliver a drug to its receptors.

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