

formulators as soon as they receive the drug substance on which to work. The technology of packaging and filling of products is discussed.

The book considers finally the possible routes of microbiological contamination of medicines and the ways in which this can be prevented or minimized. It explains how the presence of preservatives in the medicine can minimize the consequences of such contamination.

At this point the product is considered to be of appropriate quality for patient use and, once approved by regulatory authorities, the pharmaceutical technologist passes the product on to another aspect of pharmacy – the interface with the patient, i.e. dispensing and pharmacy practice. These disciplines are dealt with in other texts.