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ecgonine alcohol part of the cocaine molecule

echolalia verbal repetition of words overheard by a patient, often accompanied by muscle twitching; a symptom of catatonic schizophrenia

echopraxia involuntary imitation of the movements of other people; synonyms: echomimia, echomotism

eclampsia coma and convulsions in pregnant women; a condition associated with hypertension, edema, and/or proteinuria

Eclectic Pharmacy and Medicine sect or school that purports to select the best from all other systems of medicine; sect activity-simulated research in pharmacy and medicine, especially on the use of natural products

ectopic occurring outside of its normal place; example: pregnancy occurring in the Fallopian tube

edema abnormal collection of large amounts of fluid in intercellular spaces; manifested by swelling and congestion in a part of the body

edentulous lacking teeth

edge filter self-cleaning filter usually made of metallic plates that are periodically scraped to remove the caked material

effective date the date a contract goes into effect

effective dose the dosage of medicine that may be expected to produce the desired effect

effector a molecule whose binding to a protein alters the protein's activity

effervescence bubbling escape of gas through a liquid occurring when an effervescent salt is placed in water

effervescent mixture SEE *effervescent salt*

effervescent salt mixture of sodium bicarbonate and citric and/or tartaric acid plus the drug; when placed in water the CO₂ released by the reaction bubbles through the liquid thereby carbonating it; synonym: effervescent mixture

effervescent tablet tablet made from effervescent granules that releases CO₂ when placed in water; used to mask undesirable taste; SEE *tablet, compressed*

efficacious effective; having the ability to produce the desired effect

efficacy the ability of a medicine or or treatment to produce the desired effect

- postictal** the time after a seizure, stroke, or apoplexy
- postpartum** with reference to the mother, a period of time after childbirth
- postprandial** the phase in the feeding-fasting cycle immediately after a meal when blood nutrient levels are relatively high; CONTRAST *post-absorptive*
- posttranslational modification** a set of reactions that alter the structure of newly synthesized polypeptides
- posttranslational translocation** the transfer of previously synthesized polypeptide across the RER membrane
- potable** suitable for drinking
- potash, sulfurated** SEE *sulfurated potash*
- potassium** monovalent alkali metallic element; electrolyte in the body; important for proper functioning of nerves; the chief intracellular cation
- potency 1:** strength of a drug as expressed by dosage amount and biological effect **2:** ability of the male to perform sexual intercourse
- potentiate** an effect in which two drugs are administered and their combined effect is more than additive, being synergistic or greater than the sum of the individual drug effects
- potentiometer** device to measure electromotive force; synonym: voltmeter
- Pott's disease** tuberculous spondylitis (inflammation of the vertebra)
- Pott's fracture** fracture of the lower end of the fibula with outward displacement of the foot
- poultice** soft, moist mass of meal, herbs, seed, etc., usually applied hot in cloth that consists of gruel-like consistency
- pound, apothecary/troy** (lb or lb t) unit of weight equal to 12 $\bar{3}$
- pound, avoirdupois** (lb) unit of weight equal to 16 oz
- powder** a uniform mixture of dry, finely divided drugs and/or chemicals intended for either internal or external use or to make solutions
- powder, dentifrice** powder formulation intended to clean and/or polish the teeth
- powder, for solution** an intimate mixture of dry, finely divided drugs and/or chemicals that, upon the addition of suitable vehicles, yields a solution
- powder, for suspension** an intimate mixture of dry, finely divided drugs and/or chemicals that, upon the addition of suitable vehicles, yields a sus-