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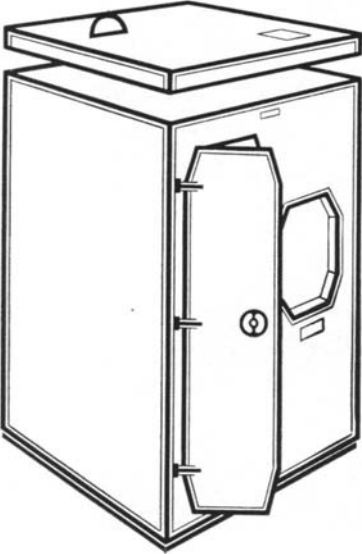
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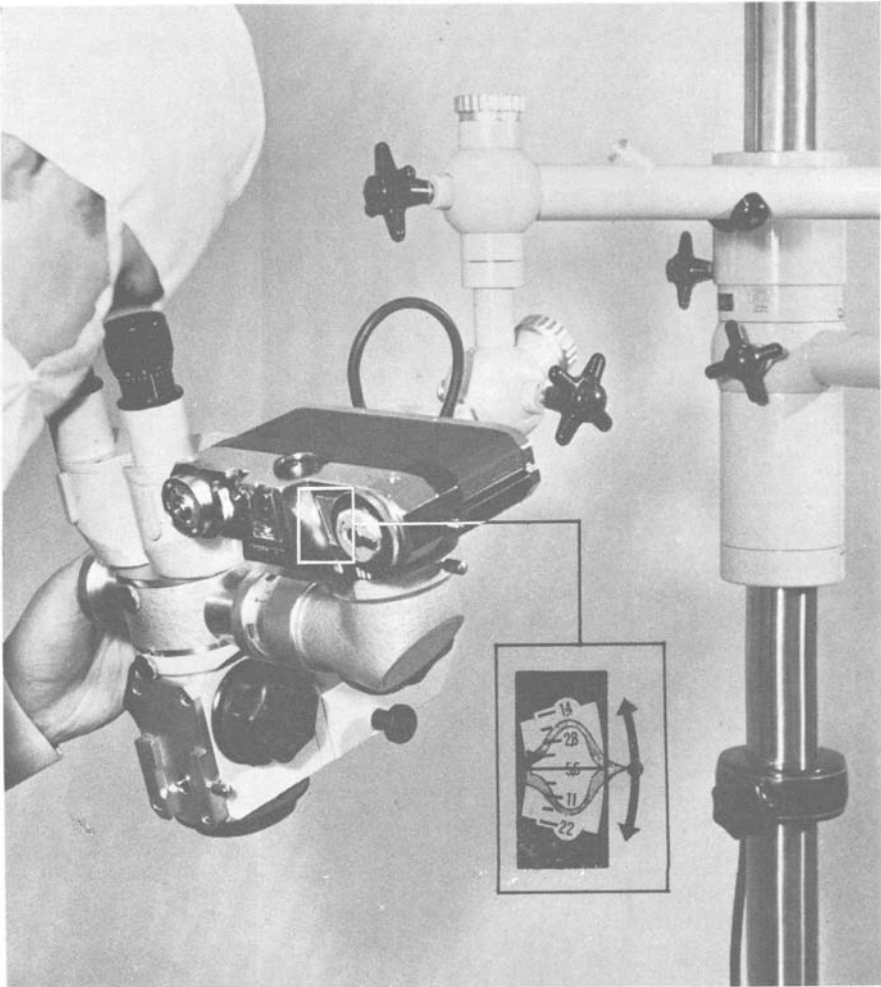
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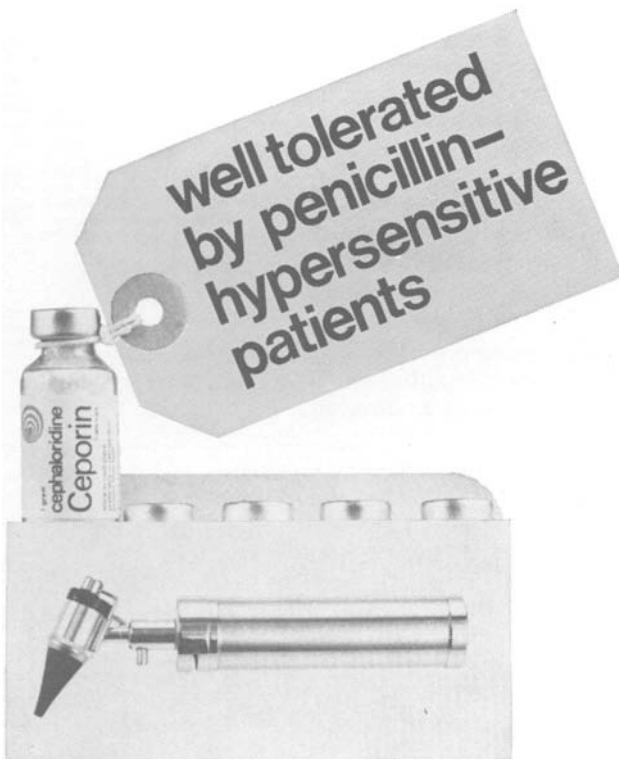
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**Table 1** General guide to dosage (see also specific dosage recommendations section)

Indications	Adults	Infants and children
Gram-positive infections of a mild or moderate nature* and urinary tract infections	15 to 30 mg/kg/day e.g. 0.5 gram two or three times a day or 1 gram twice a day 1 gram once a day is adequate	15 to 30 mg/kg/day (7 to 14 mg/lb/day) divided into two or three doses
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Infections of exceptional severity (e.g., bacterial endocarditis and septicaemia) and severe, chronic, purulent bronchitis	60 to 100 mg/kg/day e.g. 1.5 to 2 grams three times a day or 1 gram four times a day	60 to 100 mg/kg/day (27 to 45 mg/lb/day) divided into two to four doses
Neo-natal infections therapy		30 mg/kg/day divided into two doses
prophylaxis		30 mg/kg/day as one daily dose

**General guide to dosage in presence of impaired renal function**

If renal function is impaired and the dosage of the drug not reduced, then abnormally high, and possibly toxic, levels of the drug may accumulate in the blood and tissues. The degree of renal functional impairment should be determined (as, for example, by creatinine clearance, serum creatinine and blood urea) and, if possible, blood

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**Side effects and toxicity**

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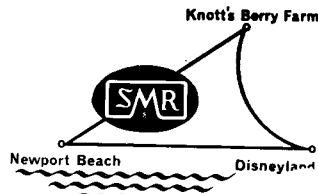
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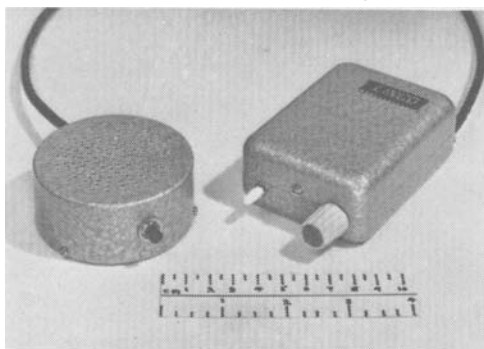
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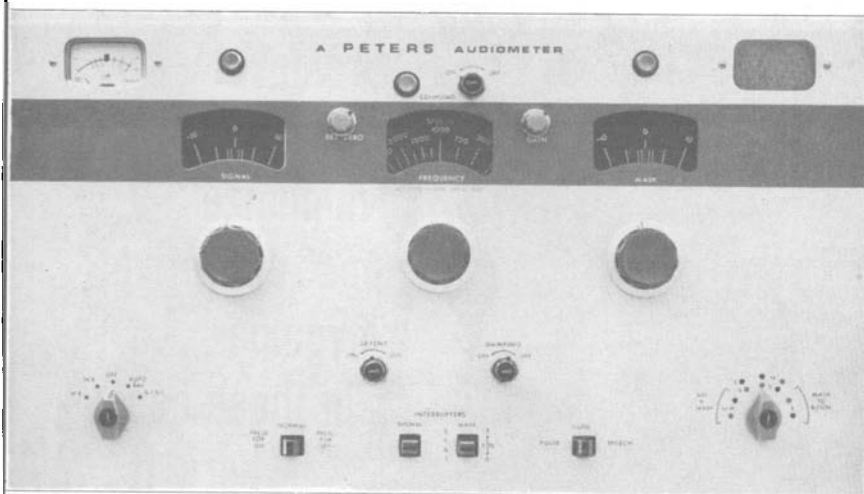
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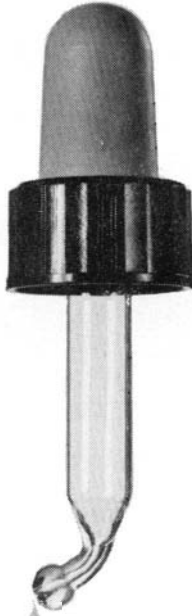
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