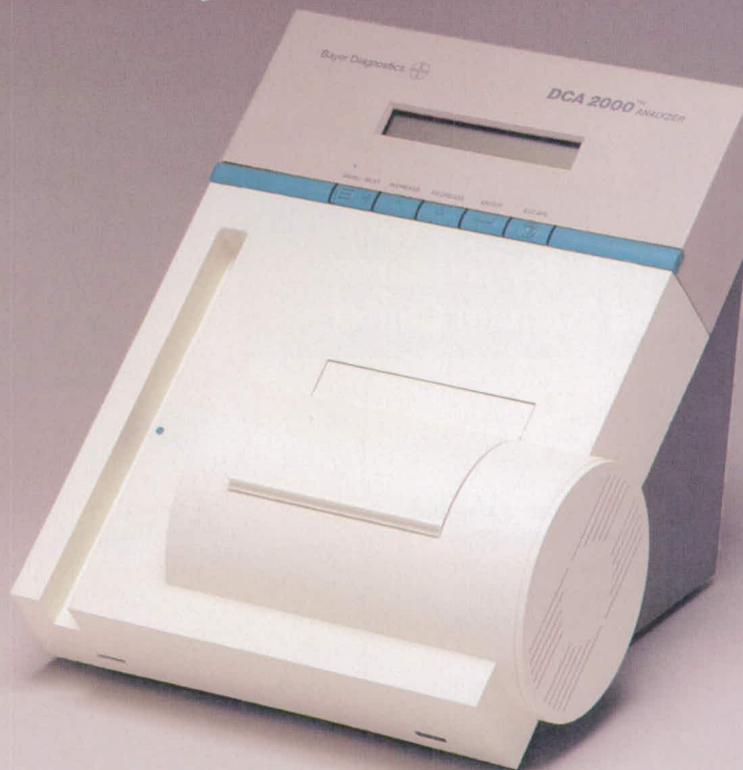


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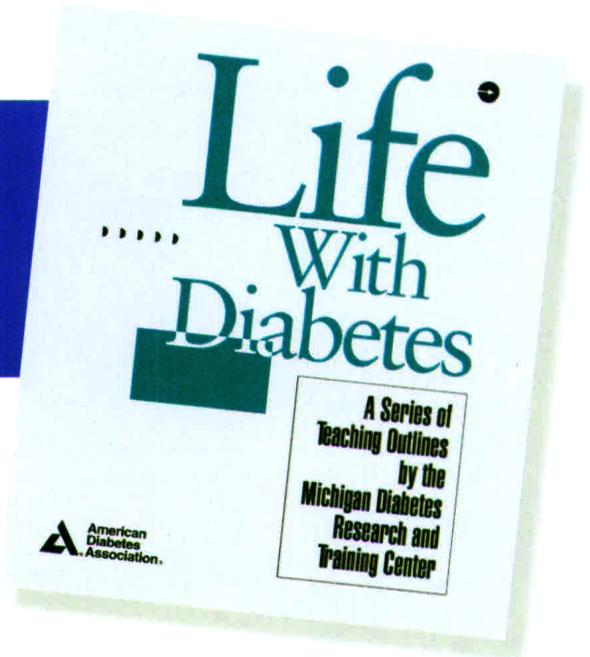
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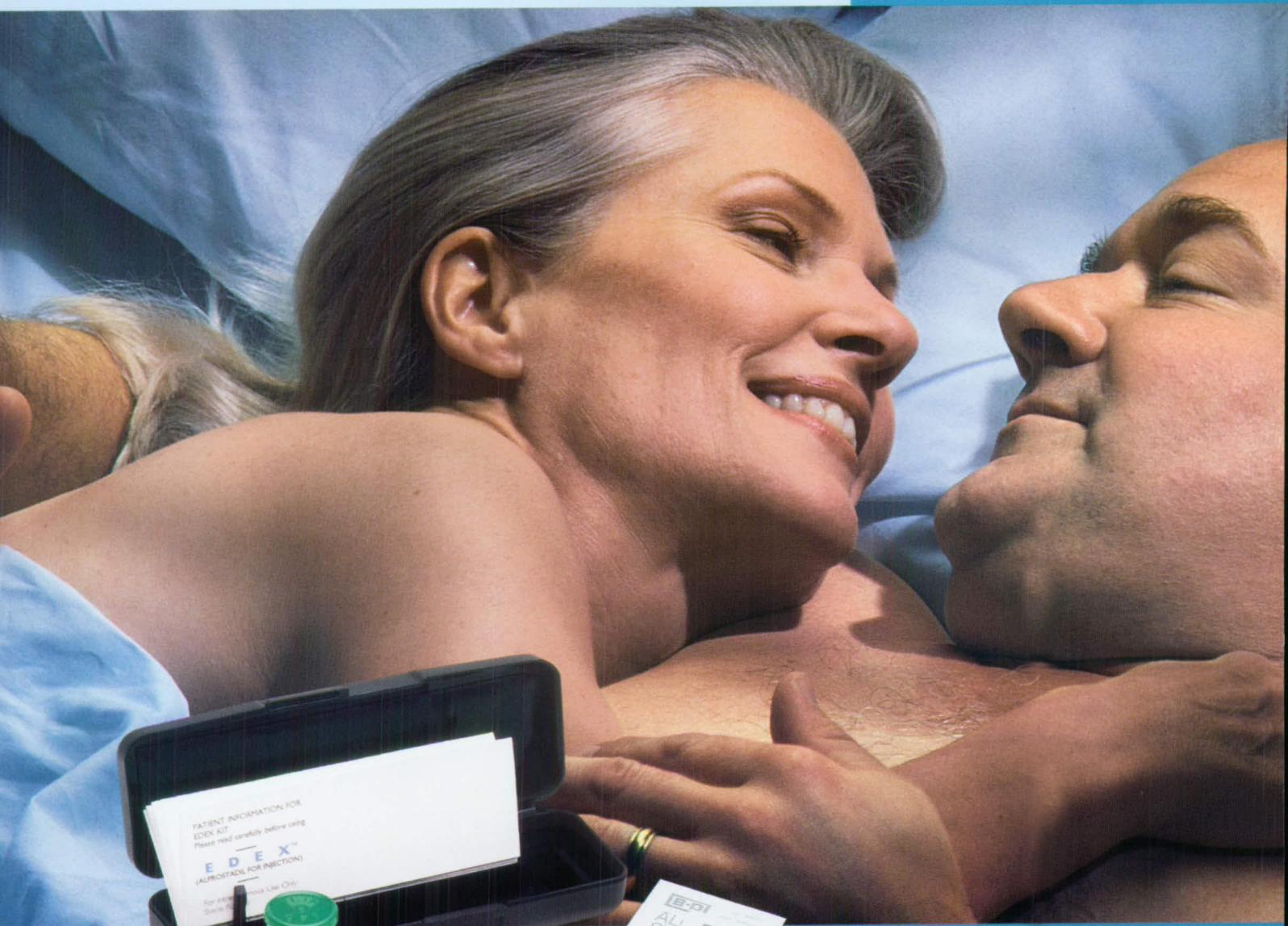
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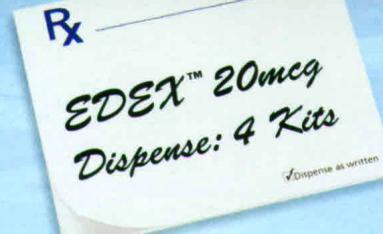
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ecchymosis (4%); penile angulation (7%); penile fibrosis (5%); cavernous body fibrosis (2%); Peyronie's disease (1%); faulty injection technique (6%); penis disorder (3%); erythema (2%). *Systemic Adverse Experiences:* Reported in controlled and uncontrolled studies in ≥1% of patients treated for up to 24 months with EDEX (N=1,065): upper respiratory tract infection (5%); influenza-like symptoms (3%); headache (2%); infection (2%); pain (2%); back pain (2%); hypertension (2%); hypertriglyceridemia (2%); myocardial infarction (1%); abnormal ECG (1%); hypercholesterolemia (1%); hyperglycemia (1%); prostate disorder (1%); testicular pain (1%); inguinal hernia (1%); skin disorder (1%); abnormal vision (1%); leg pain (1%); and sinusitis (1%). Hemodynamic changes were observed during clinical studies but did not appear to be dose-dependent. Four patients (<1%) reported clinical symptoms of hypotension such as dizziness or syncope. EDEX had no clinically important effect on serum or urine laboratory tests.

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