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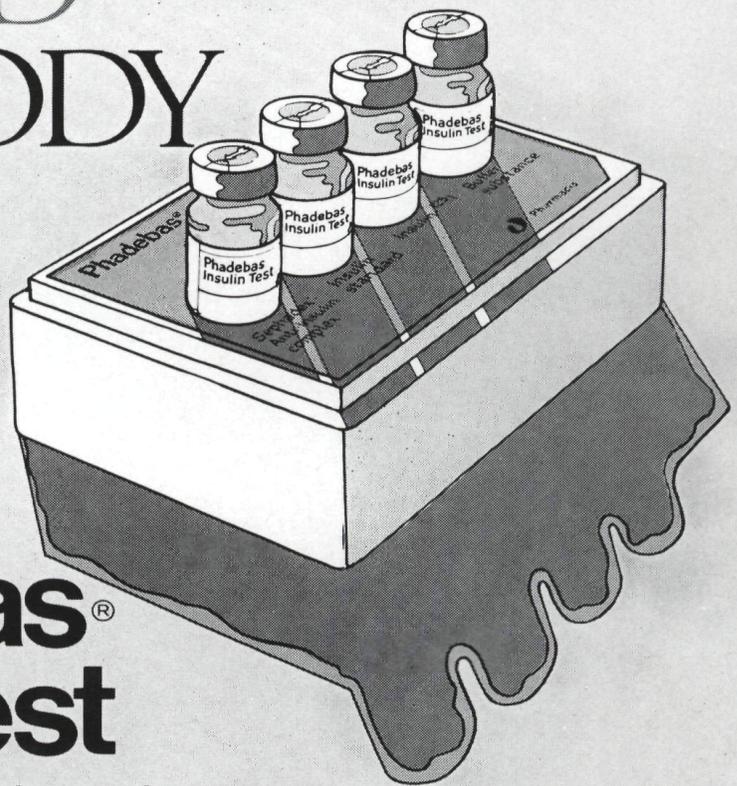
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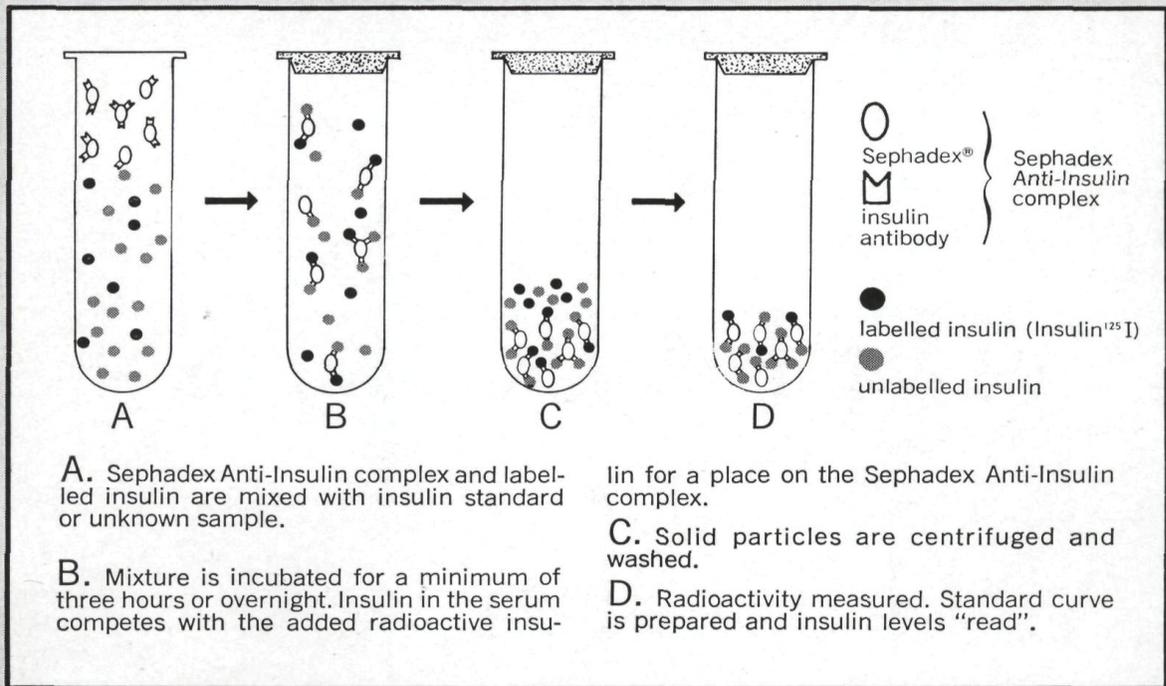


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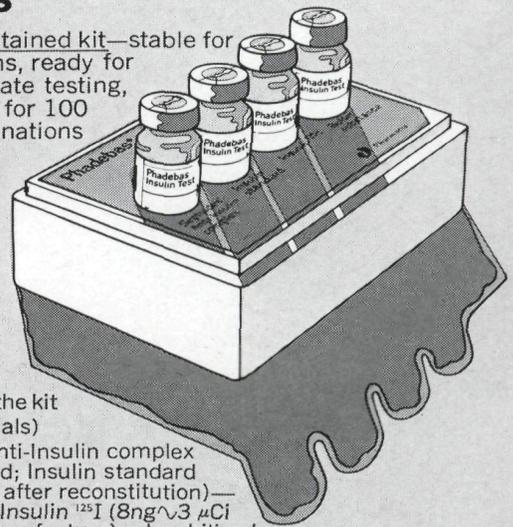
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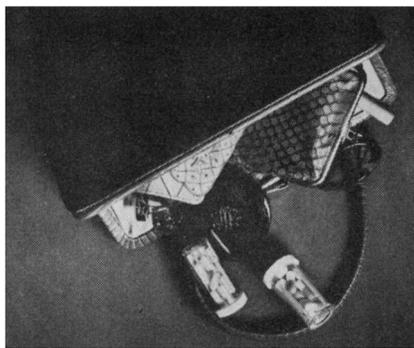
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As some diabetics are not suitable candidates for management with tolazamide, it is essential that physicians familiarize themselves with the indications, limits of application, and criteria for selection of patients for this therapy as described in the package insert. Tolinase is not an oral insulin or insulin substitute.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Tolinase is not indicated in diabetic patients who: are undergoing surgery; have infections or severe trauma; have ketosis, acidosis or coma or history of repeated bouts of acidosis and coma; or have juvenile or labile (brittle) diabetes. Tolinase is not recommended in patients with concurrent liver, renal, or endocrine disease and is contraindicated in uremia. Safety and usefulness during pregnancy have not been evaluated; therefore, Tolinase is not recommended in the pregnant diabetic patient. Serious consideration should be given to the potential hazards in women who might become pregnant.

PRECAUTIONS: Patients must be under continuous medical supervision particularly during the first six weeks of therapy. They should check their urines daily for sugar and acetone and should see their doctors at least once a week. Diagnostic and therapeutic measures necessary for optimal control with insulin and other sulfonylureas are also necessary with Tolinase. The patient must receive complete instructions: about the nature of his disease; how to prevent and detect complications; how to control his condition; not to neglect



dietary restrictions or develop a careless attitude regarding instructions relative to body weight, exercise, and personal hygiene; to avoid infections; how to recognize and counteract impending hypoglycemia; and how and when to test for glycosuria and ketonuria. No false positive tests for urinary albumin have been reported.

Caution, close observation, and careful adjustment of dose are necessary: when insulin is withdrawn during the trial period where the appearance of acidosis, ketosis, or coma would make the discontinuation of Tolinase (tolazamide) and return to insulin therapy mandatory; when Tolinase is administered as sole therapy to patients previously receiving combination therapy; during the transition period from chlorpropamide to avoid overlapping drug effect and possible hypoglycemia; in administering thiazide-type diuretics which may aggravate diabetes; and in debilitated, malnourished, semistarved patients or those not eating properly who may develop severe hypoglycemic reactions requiring corrective therapy. Severe hypoglycemia, though uncommon, may occur and may mimic acute neurologic disorders. Certain conditions such as hepatic and renal disease, malnutrition, debility, advanced age, alcoholism, and adrenal and pituitary insufficiency may predispose to hypoglycemia. Certain drugs such as insulin, phenformin, sulfonamides, oxyphenbutazone, phenylbutazone, salicylates, probenecid, and monamine oxidase inhibitors may increase the risk of hypoglycemia. When combination therapy with phenformin is elected, the physician should familiarize himself with the prescribing information for that drug.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Tolinase has been generally well tolerated. In 1,784 diabetic subjects, 2.1% had therapy discontinued because of side effects. The following adverse reactions have been reported either during clinical studies or subsequently.

Gastrointestinal—Symptoms including nausea, vomiting, and gas were noted in 1% of patients in clinical studies.

Hematopoietic—Rare cases of leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, agranulocytosis, and anemia have been reported.

Hypoglycemia—Hypoglycemia has been reported occasionally and is actually a physiological extension of the primary action of the drug, and most of the mild to moderately severe symptoms will be alleviated by dose reduction.

Undernourished or underweight or geriatric patients, or those failing to eat properly are particularly susceptible to hypoglycemia and should be treated cautiously. Patients with chronic liver or kidney disease should not receive Tolinase (tolazamide) therapy as their metabolism or excretion of drug may be poor and they may be more susceptible to hypoglycemia.

Liver—Toxicity manifested by changes in liver function tests and by cholestatic jaundice has been occasionally associated with Tolinase therapy. Transient elevations in alkaline phosphatase determinations are not uncommon after initiation of sulfonylureas, but these changes are not necessarily drug related since fluctuating abnormalities of hepatic function are frequently observed in diabetic patients.

Skin—Allergic reactions as manifested by urticaria and rash have been reported occasionally. Photosensitivity and disulfiram reactions with alcohol have been reported occasionally.

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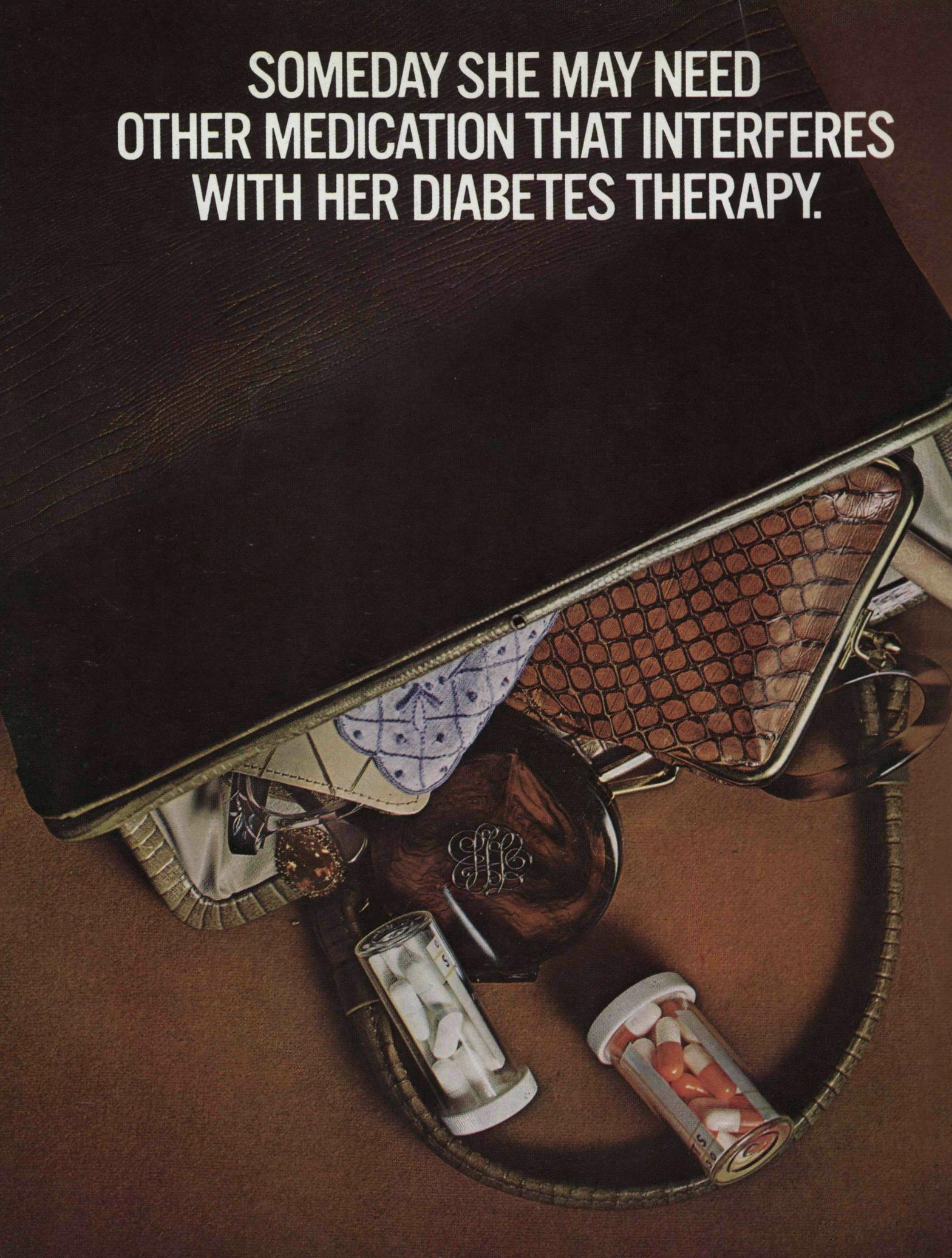
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