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Indications

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Side-effects

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Packings

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Licence Numbers

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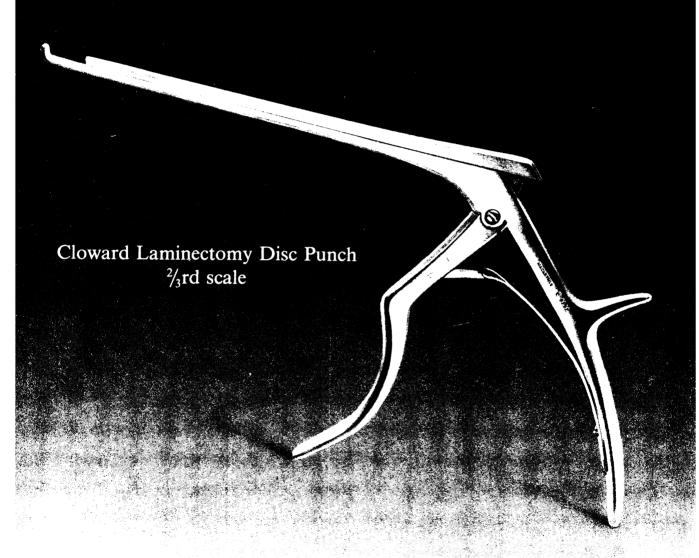
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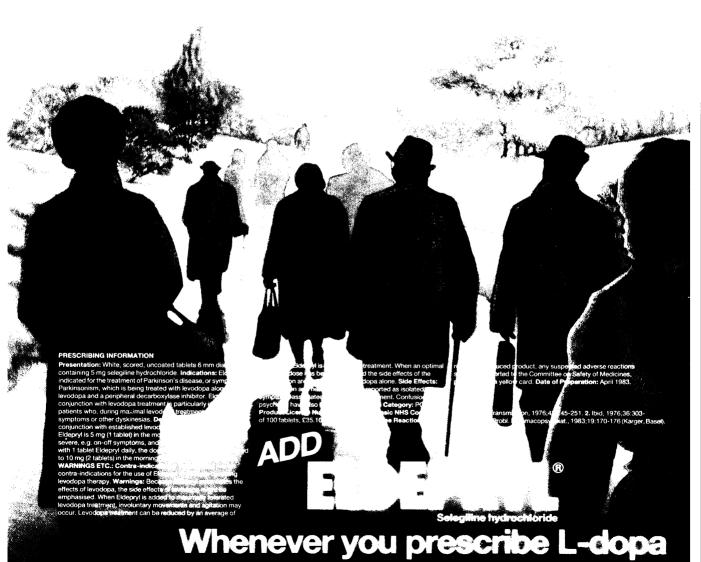




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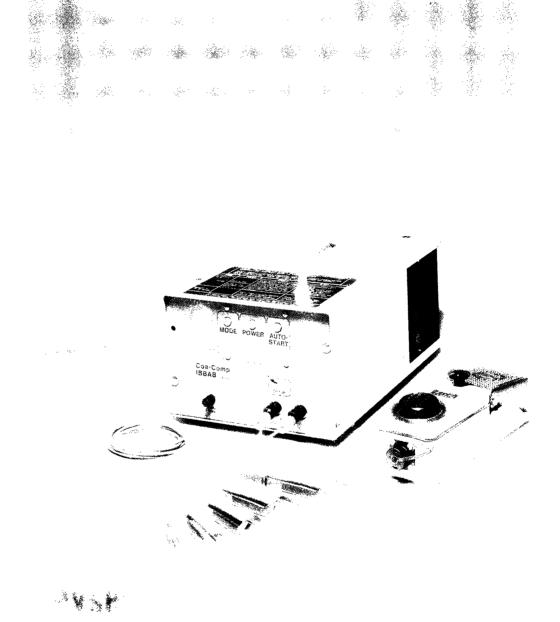


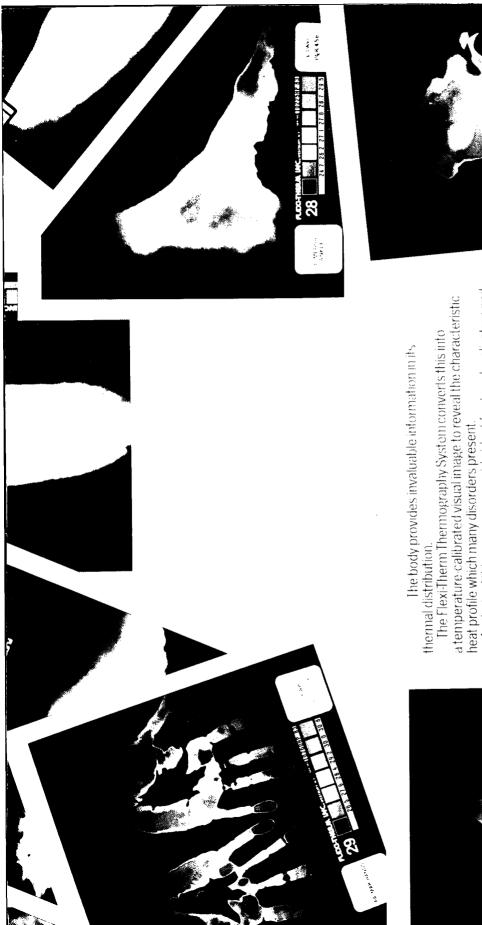
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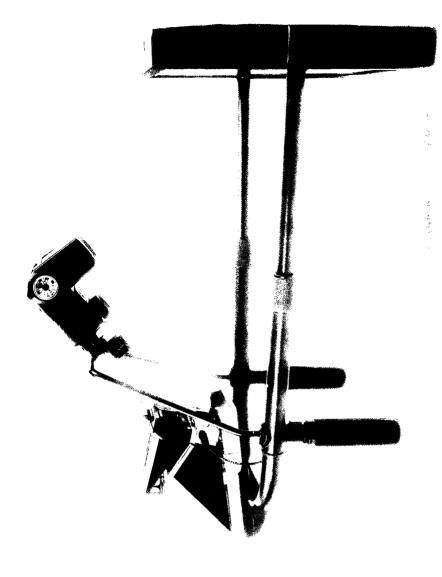
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Contra-indications

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