

{The pharmaceutical industry in UAE: A comparative study}

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Highlights

Pharmaceutical industries in the world have shown a vast development since the mid-eighties, starting from botanicals to the most modern synthetic drugs nowadays. This study aims at comparing the different pharmaceutical companies in the UAE, in term of history, pharmaceutical production facilities, value, number of departments, manpower, future plans and other important characteristics for each of the largest five industries in the UAE. The information reported in this study was obtained during field visits to each of the five companies. During these visits, meetings were scheduled with several personnel in the different departments. Following these visits we were able to establish an understanding of the vast difference between monetary values of medicines produced, and their therapeutic effectiveness, clarifying the basis on which medicines should be evaluated.