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The chemical name describes a drug in terms of its chemical structure.(p9) Chemical names are provided in the American Chemical Society's Chemical Abstracts (information available at <http://www.cas.org/PRINTED/printca.html>) and can be listed in 1 of 2 ways; the first reflects the way in which Chemical Abstracts indexes inverted chemical names: hydrazinecarboxyimidamide, 2-[-(2,6-dichlorophenoxy)ethyl]-, sulfate, (2:1) The second is the uninverted form: 2-[-(2,6-dichlorophenoxy)ethyl] hydrazinecarboxyimidamide sulfate, (2:1) Both forms follow the recommendations of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry and the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Each chemical is also designated a registry number with the Chemical Abstract Society (information