

## **latent period (latency)**

*in medicinal chemistry*

1. Delay between exposure to a harmful substance and the manifestations of a disease or other adverse effects.
2. Period from disease initiation to disease detection.

### **Source:**

PAC, 2004, 76, 1033 (*Glossary of terms used in toxicokinetics (IUPAC Recommendations 2003)*) on page 1055