


How to read my prescription drug label

When using any medication it's very important to carefully read the prescription drug label. A typical drug label that a pharmacy puts on your medication may contain the following information. This is being supplied for informational purposes only and to facilitate your understanding of the information that may be contained on the label. This example is by no means an exhaustive list of the possible information contained on all your prescription drug package labels. Note, the information provided on the prescription drug label may differ depending on the pharmacy you go to or by the state you reside in so your actual label may look different. Consult your pharmacist or doctor if you have any questions about the information on your prescription label.

	YOUR PHARMACY #5454 123 First Street St. Louis, MO 12345	800.123.4567 Filled: 08/15/10 DEA: CD4444599
RX: 20036514		THIS MEDICINE MAY BE TAKEN WITH FOOD.
Your Name 123 Address City, State 12345		
TAKE ONE TABLET BY MOUTH ONE TIME DAILY FOR FIVE DAYS FOR INFECTION		
EXAMPLE 250 MG TAB		
Dr. Williams, John REFILLS: 0		Qty: 5 UNTIL: 07/30/10
		NDC: 00000-0000-00 Original Rx: 07/30/10 Discard after: 08/15/11 Manufacturer Name

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Drug Name	Reason for Use	Dosage Form (capsule, tablet, ointment, patch etc.)	Strength	Directions for Use	Start/Stop Dates	Notes/ Questions
Example	Infection	Tablet	250 mg	1 tablet, 1 time/day	08/15/10 to 08/19/10	Can take with or without food

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Patient Name: _____

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