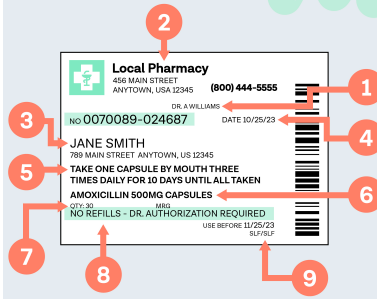


Reading Prescription Labels



Components of a Prescription Label:

- 1 Doctor Name:** Your doctor who prescribed your medication.
- 2 Pharmacy name, address and phone number:** Where your prescription is filled and who filled it.
 - › This is helpful for questions you may have and for refilling your prescription.
- 3 Patient name:** You (or the person who will be taking the prescribed medication).
 - › Always check this to ensure you're getting the correct medication!
- 4 Date:** When the pharmacy filled the prescription.
- 5 Dose and how to take the medication:**
 - How much medication you should take per dose.
 - How you take the medication (for example, "by mouth" "with food").
 - How often you should take the medication.
- 6 Medication name and strength:**
 - The name of the medication.
 - Medication strength (e.g. 500 mg capsule, 250 mg/5 mL).
 - Medication form (capsules, tablets, etc.).
 - Generic name of the medication is listed beneath the brand name.
- 7 Quantity:** Amount of the medication in the container.
 - › For example, if it's a 60-day supply of pills that are meant to be taken twice a day, the quantity would say "120 pills".
- 8 Number of Allowed Refills:** Number of refills you're allowed within a certain timeframe.
- 9 Drug expiration date:** The date the drug expires.
 - › You should throw out any expired medications because they are no longer effective after their expiration date.

*Talk to either your doctor or your pharmacist about any questions you have regarding your prescriptions.

The Patient Prescribing Information (PPI) or "Medication Information":

This comes on a separate piece of paper alongside your prescription.

Local Pharmacy
123 MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN, USA 11111
TEL: (800) 444-5555

Rx: 0070089-024687

QTY: 60
REFILLS: 2 by 11/25/2023

PRSCRBR: J. Smith
DATE FILLED: 10/25/2023
RPH: S. Williams
MFR: ABC Manufacturer

This is a WHITE, OVAL-SHAPED tablet with no imprint.

› Description of the drug's appearance.

› Be sure to read the physical description of the drug and ensure that what's inside the bottle matches the description.

Important Information

May cause drowsiness. Use care when operating a car or dangerous machines.

Don't drink alcohol when taking this medicine.

This has acetaminophen. Don't take with other medicines that have acetaminophen (prescription or non-prescription). Too much can cause liver damage.

Taking more of this medicine than recommended may cause serious breathing problems.

CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS THE TRANSFER OF THIS DRUG TO ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE PATIENT FOR WHOM IT WAS PRESCRIBED.

› Warning Labels

› Information about side effects

› Safety information (no sun, no alcohol, no driving while using the med., etc.)