

Understanding Prescription Medicine



What is a prescription medicine?

In the U.S., these are medicines prescribed by certain licensed health care providers:

- Doctors
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Dentists

Can I get the prescription label in my language?

- Ask your pharmacist if they can print the label and medicine information sheet in your language.
- Ask for a larger print size if needed.

What are the stickers on the prescription bottle?

They give you more information such as:

- Directions for taking the medicine
- Warnings about side effects
- Storage of the medicine
- Possible interactions

What information is on the prescription medicine label?

- Your name and address
- Your doctor's name
- The date the prescription was filled
- Your prescription number
- The name and strength of the medicine
- Instructions for taking the medicine
- The form of the medicine (syrup, tablet, cream)
- The name, address, and phone number of the pharmacy
- How many times you can refill the prescription

What should I do with expired medicine?

Call the Poison Control Center for specific instructions.

**Call the New York City Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222
any time to ask questions about your medicines.**

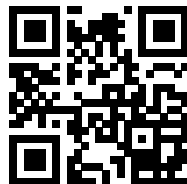
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to help you with medicine safety.**

**Call us anytime at 1-800-222-1222 or 212-POISONS (212-764-7667)
Visit our website at nyc.gov/health**

- Your Poison Control Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Pharmacists and nurses certified in poison information are there to give advice.
- All calls are free and confidential.
- Translation services are provided.
- Ask for free brochures, telephone stickers and magnets.



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