

Active Ingredient
(Drug Facts Label)

The ingredients in the medicine that make it work

Uses
(Drug Facts Label)

The symptoms the medicine treats

Brand Name Drug

A brand name drug sold with a commercial name

Directions
(Drug Facts Label)

Indicates the amount or dose of medicine, how often to take it, and how much you can take in one day

Dose
(Drug Facts Label)

The amount of medicine to take

Drug

A substance for treatment, or prevention of disease; intended to affect the structure or a function of the body

Drug Facts Label

Gives you information about what the medicine does, how to take it safely, and who shouldn't take it

Generic Drug

A drug that is the same as a brand name drug in dosage, safety, strength, how it is taken, quality, performance and intended use

Inactive Ingredients
(Drug Facts Label)

Ingredients not intended to treat systems, such as color or flavoring

Warnings
(Drug Facts Label)

Safety information including side effects, questions to ask a doctor before taking the medicine, and medicines to avoid using at the same time

Medicine

A substance for treatment, or prevention of disease; same as drug

Medicine Misuse

Taking a drug for a purpose or in a way that is not intended

OTC

Over-the-counter medicine that is bought in a pharmacy, drugstore, or supermarket and obtained without the need for a doctor's prescription

Other Information
(Drug Facts Label)

Additional information on the Drug Facts Label including how to store the medicine

Overdose

Using more medicine than recommended on the label or prescribed

Pharmacist

A professional whose job it is to prepare and dispense medicine

Pharmacy

A place where prescription and OTC drugs can be purchased

Physician

A doctor is a professional who practices medicine

Poison Control
Centers

Offer free, confidential, expert medical advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Poison Help line

Prescription

Medicine that is specially ordered for you by a doctor or other qualified healthcare practitioner, available only from a pharmacist

Questions
(Drug Facts Label)

Company phone number to call

Rx

Prescription medicine

Self-Medicating

Choosing to take medicine by
yourself

Side effects

Unwanted and/or unexpected
effects from a medicine

Strength

How much of the active
ingredient is present in each
unit

Symptoms

Physical or mental conditions that may indicate illness and can be described by the person feeling them