

#### Medicines In My Home



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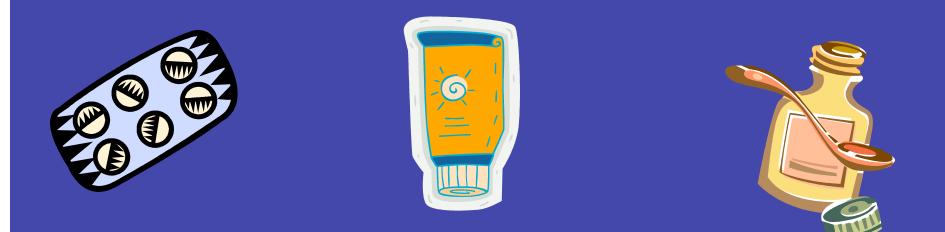
#### Medicines are Drugs

A medicine or drug...

- changes how your body works, or

 treats or prevents a disease or symptom

#### Who Has Used a Prescription Medicine This Week?



What are some reasons for using a prescription medication?

#### Who Has Family Members Who Use Prescription Medications?









#### Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medicines

#### How are they different? How are they the same?

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#### **Prescription**

- 1. Ordered by a doctor
- 2. Bought at a pharmacy
- Ordered for and used by only one person

#### Both types of medicine:

- Directions must be followed carefully and correctly
- Children should use only with permission of a parent or guardian
- A pharmacist can answer questions

#### **Over-the-Counter**

- 1. Can buy without a doctor's order
- 2. Bought off the shelf in store aisles
- May be used by more than one person for the same symptom or problem

## Prescription Drugs

## What does this symbol mean?

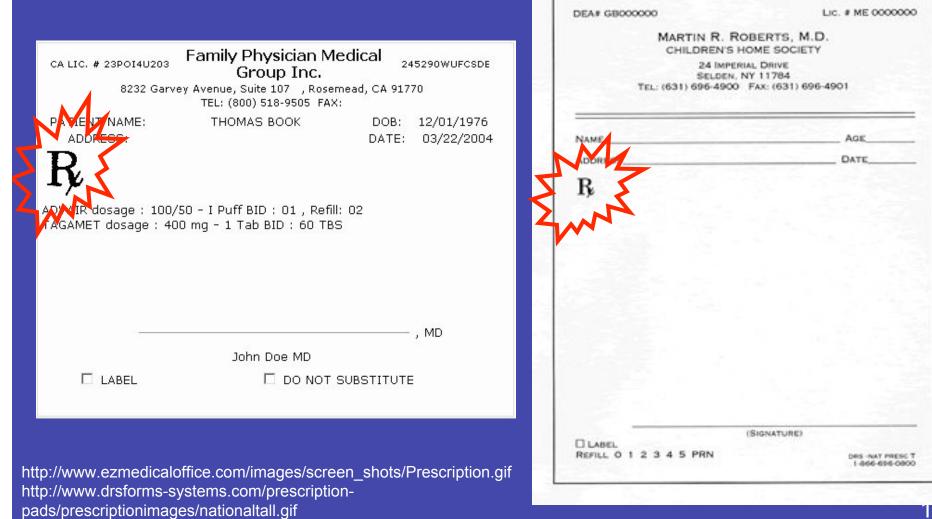


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#### Rx = Prescription

- "Rx" means prescription for medicine
- Symbol for the Latin word "recipe" meaning "to take"
- Also described as a symbol derived from the astrological sign of Jupiter-a God in Roman mythology
  - Placed on prescriptions as a blessing from
     the Gods
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#### Sample Prescriptions



#### Process of Filling a Rx

- Get Rx from doctor's office
- Take Rx to community pharmacy
  - Independent
  - Chain
  - Alternatives:
    - Mail-order pharmacy
    - Internet pharmacies
- Pharmacists and technicians fill prescriptions and instruct patients

## Prescription from Doctor's Office

- Common abbreviations used
  - PO = by mouth
  - QD = daily



- BID = twice daily

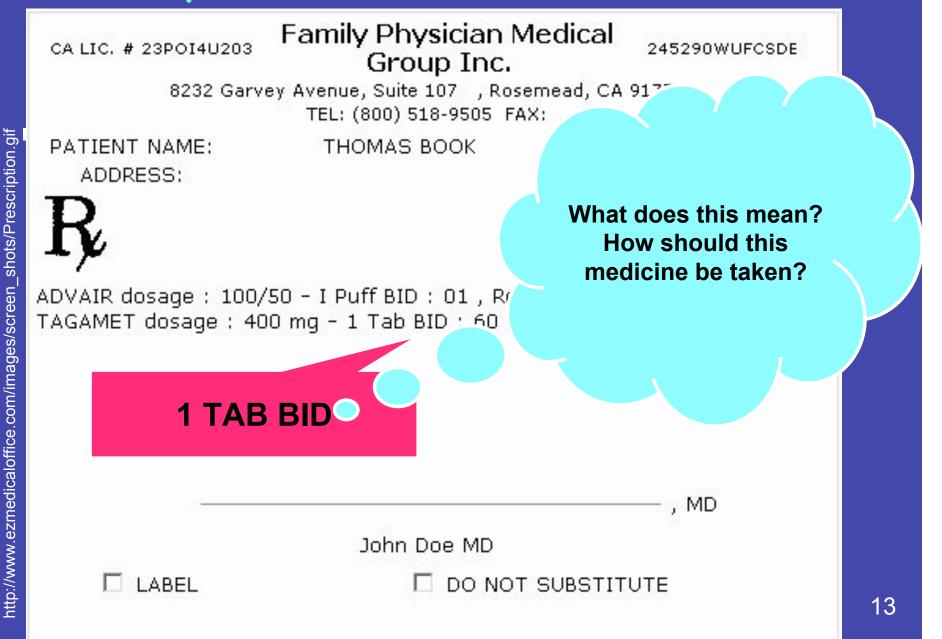


- TID = three times a day





#### Prescription from Doctor's Office



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## Before leaving the doctor's office...

- Knowing what your doctor has prescribed can help avoid mistakes
- When given a Rx by your doctor, it is important to ask
  - What is the name of the medication?
  - What is it for?
  - How am I supposed to take it?

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## Types of pharmacies

#### Community pharmacies

- Chain drug stores (examples: Walgreens, Wal-Mart)
- Independent pharmacies (examples: Alameda Thrifty Pharmacy)
- Hospital pharmacies
  - Provide drugs for patients that are admitted to the hospital (examples: Thomason, Providence)
  - May have outpatient pharmacies for public to use (example: Thomason outpatient pharmacies)



## Pharmacy Pics



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#### Prescription Bottle



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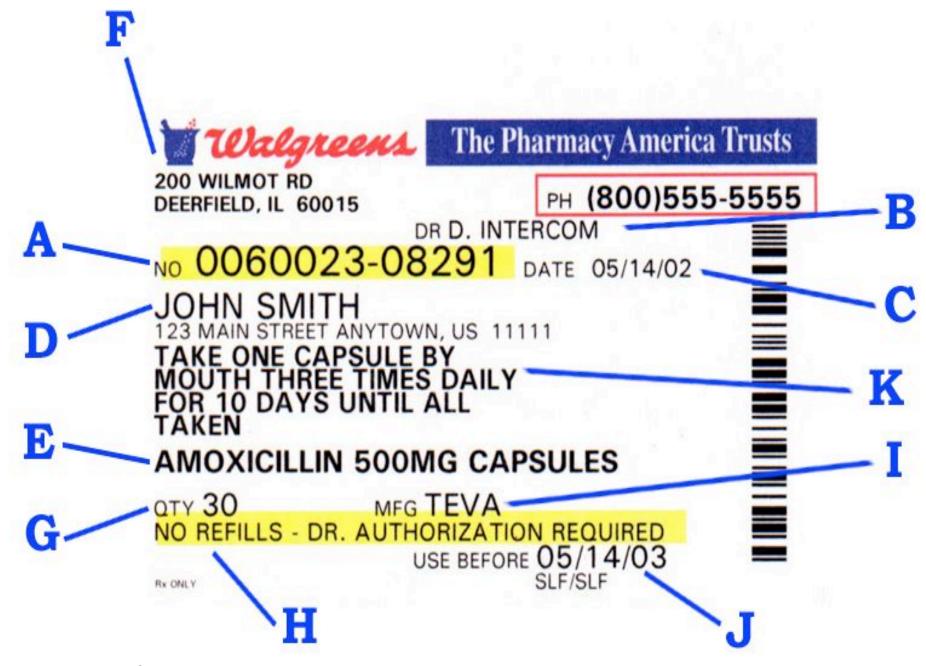
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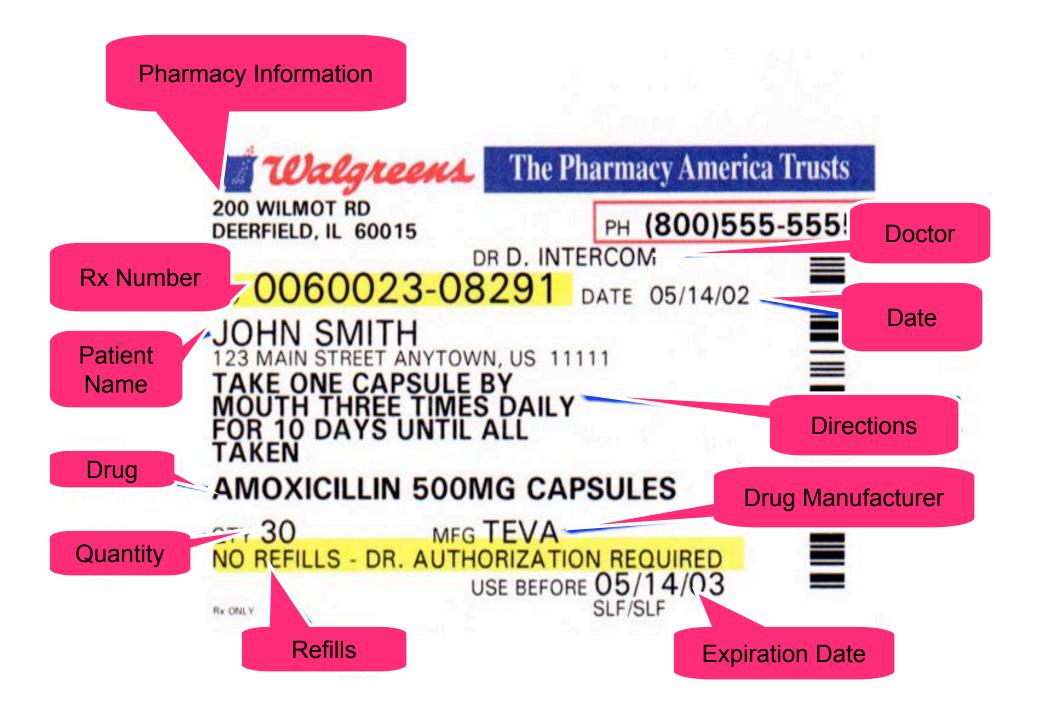




How do you know how you should take the prescription medication?

Read the Prescription Label





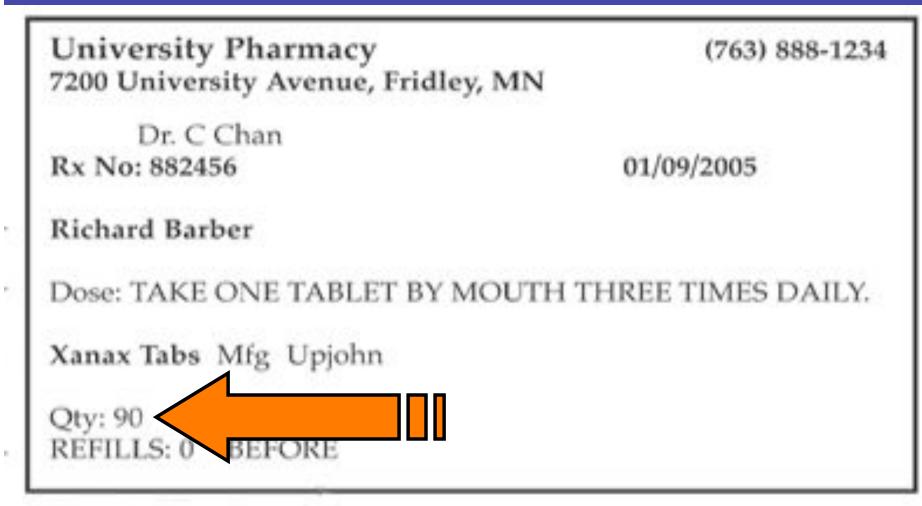
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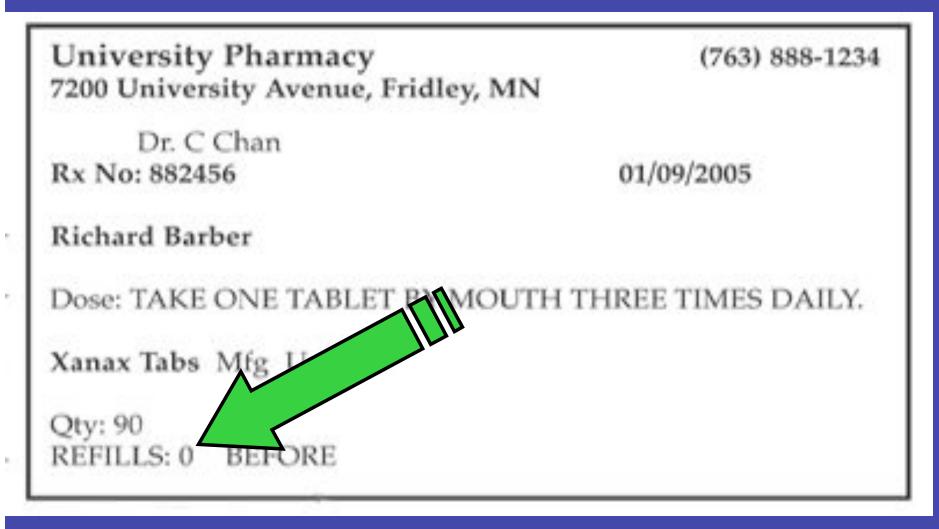
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What is the name of the medication?



#### How many pills will be in the bottle?



#### Does this prescription have refills?



How do you know how you should take the prescription medication?

Read the Auxiliary Labels

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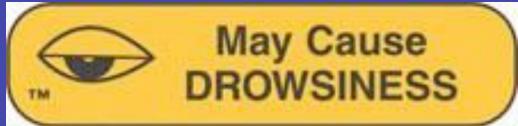
- Added by the pharmacist to prescription bottles in addition to the standard label to
  - Warn about drug interactions or side effects
  - Describe proper use and storage
- It is important to read these in addition to the standard label

#### Auxiliary Labels









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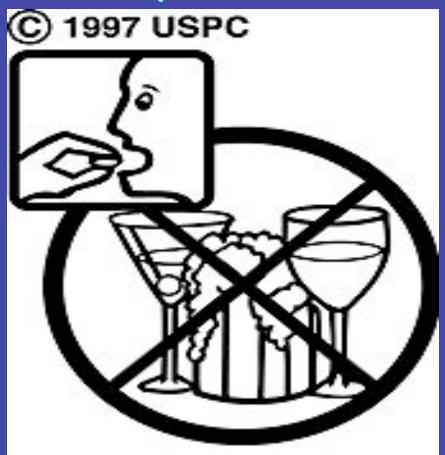


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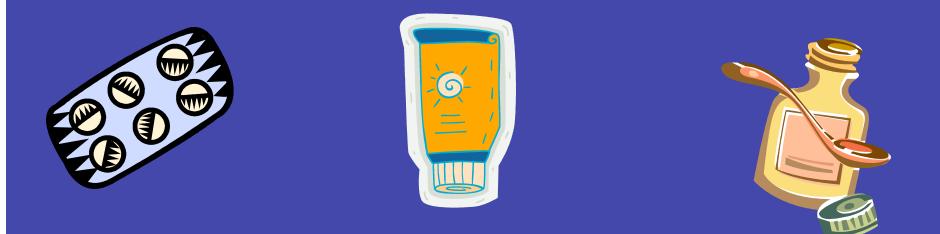
## Pharmacist Consultation

- Pharmacists must counsel patients on all new prescriptions
- They should review
  - Drug and how to take it
  - Special directions and warnings
  - Common side effects or interactions
  - How to store your medicine
  - How many refills
  - What to do if you forget a dose



# Over-the-counter (OTC) Medications

## Who Has Used an Over-the-Counter Medicine This Week?



## What are some reasons for using an OTC medicine?



# How do you decide which medicine is the right one for you?

## Read the Drug Facts Label

#### Active Ingredients And what they do

Drug Facts Label

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- drug
- under a doctor's care for any continuing medical condition

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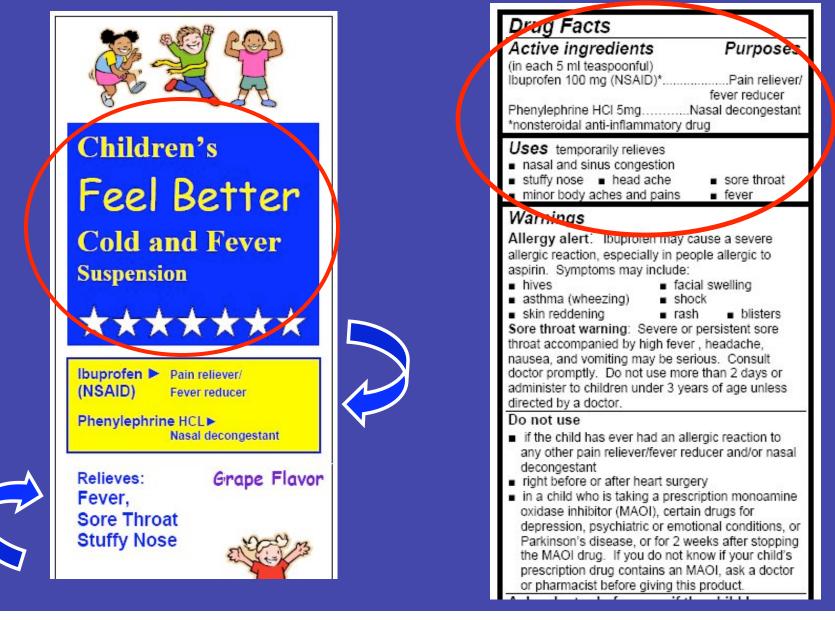
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## Active Ingredients: The parts of the medicine that make it work.

What does Drug Facts tell us about each active ingredient ???

- Its name
- How much is in each pill or teaspoon (5 mL)
- What it does (its purpose or job)
- The problems it treats (its uses)

## What does this medicine treat?



## Keisha

- Keisha stayed home from school today because she is sick.
- She has a stuffy nose, sore throat, and aches all over.
- Mom gives her some Get Better cold and fever medicine before leaving for work.
- Two hours later, Keisha gets one of her really bad headaches. She wants to take her usual headache medicine to make it go away.





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#### Drug Facts (continued) When using this product take with food or milk if stomach upset occurs long term continuous use may increase the risk of heart attack or stroke Stop use and ask a doctor if an allergic reaction occurs. Seek medical help right away. the child does not get any relief during the first day (24 hours) of treatment fever, pain, or nasal congestion gets worse or lasts for more than 3 days stomach pain or upset gets worse or lasts symptoms continue or get worse redness or swelling is present in the painful area the child gets nervous, dizzy, or sleepless any new symptoms appear Keep out of reach of children. In case of overdose, get medical help or contact a Polson Control Center right away Directions this p directions or nless directed if possible use vise use age. closed measuring cup repeat dose every 6 hours ot use more than 4 times a day replace original bottle cap to maintain child resistance wash dosage cup after each use Dosing Chart Dose Weight (lb) Age (yrs) (teaspoonful) under 24 under 2 ask a doctor 24-47 2 to 5 1 tsp 48-95 6 to 11 2 tsp Other information do not use if printed neckband is broken or missing store at 15-30°C (59-86°F) see bottom of box for lot number and expiration date Inactive ingredients acesultame potassium, cltric acid, corn syrup, D&C red #33, FDA&C blue #1, FD&C red #40, flavors, glycerin, hypromeliose, polysorbate 80, purified water, sodium benzoate, xanthan gum Questions? 1-800-123-4567 http://ChildrensFeelBetter.com

## Warnings



The warnings section tells you:

- When you should not use the medicine at all
- When you should talk to your doctor first
- How the medicine might make you feel
- When you should stop using the medicine
- Things you should not do while taking the medicine.





# Allergy Alert

- When your body has an allergic reaction, you may have
  - Itching Swelling
  - Rash Fainting
  - Hives Trouble breathing
- If you think you are allergic to a medicine, do not use it.
- If you think that you or someone else is having an allergic reaction,
  - Tell an adult right away.
  - If you or someone else is having trouble breathing or if someone faints, call 911.

Ask a doctor before use... Ask a doctor or pharmacist before use...



- When to ask a doctor, nurse, or pharmacist BEFORE using the medicine.
  - Some medical problems can make using a medicine less safe.
  - Some medicines should never be used together.



## When using this product...



Special information about using the medicine.

- Examples...
  - Take with food.
  - Take with liquids.
  - May cause drowsiness (sleepiness).

## Stop use and ask a doctor if...

Reasons to stop taking a medicine include:



- If you have an allergic reaction
- If you have new problems like stomach pain, throwing up, or dizziness



# Keep out of reach of children



- Young children may think medicine tastes REALLY GOOD.
- Medicine is not candy and can harm them if they take too much.
- If someone you know takes too much medicine or the wrong medicine, tell an adult right away.
   Call the Poison Control Center for help.

## Anthony

- Anthony is 12 years old.
- He is the goalie for his middle school soccer team. Today they play for the county <u>championship</u>.
- Anthony has allergies, and today they are pretty bad. His nose is stuffy and runny and he can't stop sneezing.
- He really wants to feel better before the game. What can he do?

### **Chewable Tablets**

Grape Flavor

## Feel Better- Allergy Relief for kids and their grown-ups

Relieves: Sneezing, Runny nose Itchy, watery eyes

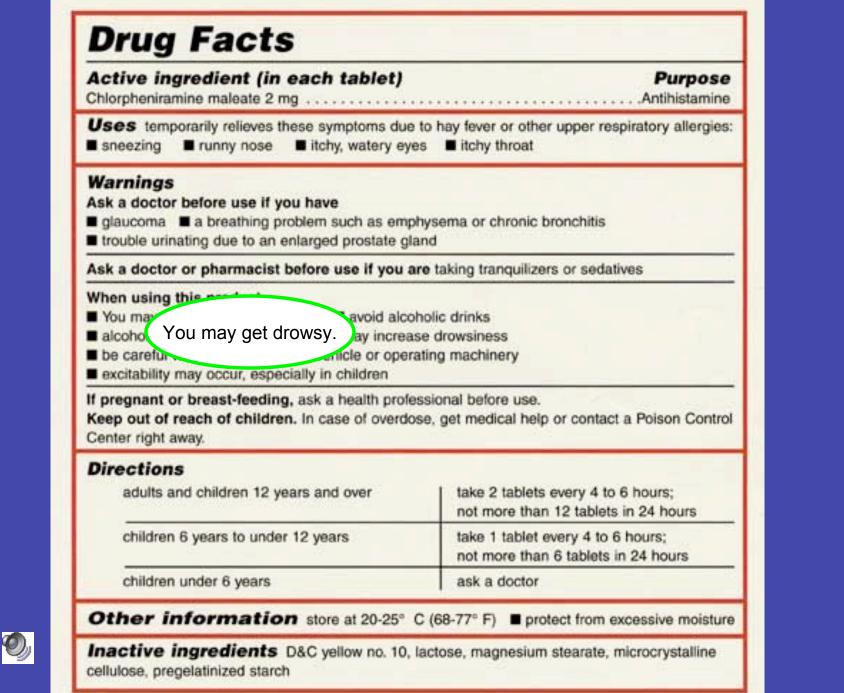
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Because allergies should not get in the way

4 Fl Oz (120 mL)





### **Chewable Tablets**

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## Feel Better Allergy and Congestion Relief for kids and their grown-ups

Relieves: Sneezing, Stuffy nose Itchy, watery eyes

Loratadine Antihistamine

Phenylephrine HCL Nasal decongestant

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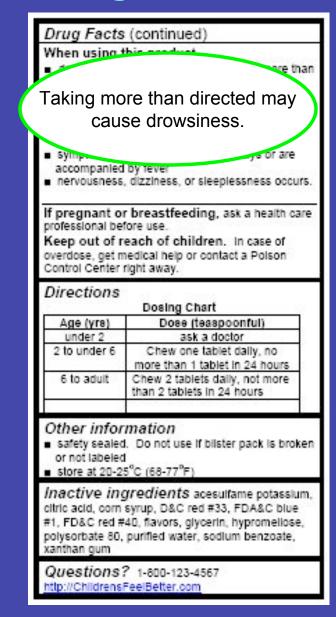
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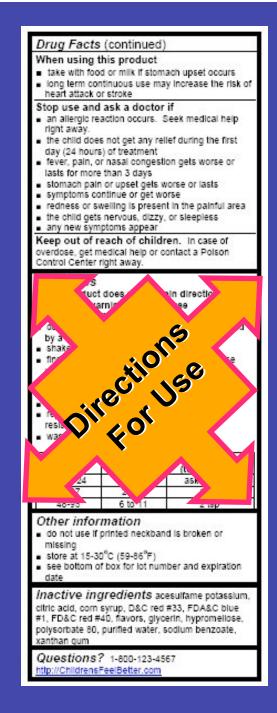
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What else do you want to know about your medicine?

> How to use the medicine

## Directions



How much medicine to use
How often to use it
How long you can use it
How should you measure your dose of medicine?

## Measuring Tools for Medicines



# Other information and Inactive ingredients

- Other information -
  - How to keep your medicine when you are not using it.
- Inactive ingredients used to:
  - Form a pill
  - Add flavor or color
  - Make a tablet or film dissolve quickly on your tongue
  - Help a medicine last longer on the shelf







**Questions or Comments** 

Where to find a telephone number or website to:

 ask questions about the medicine
 report an unexpected reaction to the medicine



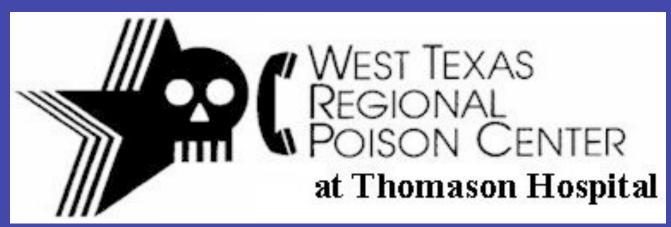
## Be Safe!!



## Use Rx and OTC medicines wisely

## Poison Control Center





http://www.aapcc.org/

## Poison Facts



- What is a poison?
  - A poison is any product or substance that can harm someone if it is used in the wrong way, by the wrong person, or in the wrong amount
  - Poisons can be SOLIDS
  - Poisons can be LIQUIDS
  - Poisons can be SPRAYS
  - Some poisons are INVISIBLE GASES
    - You may not be able to see, smell, or touch them but they can get into your lungs when you breathe in

## Poison Facts

- What does a poison look like?
  - A poison can come in pretty colors
  - It can come in many shapes and sizes
  - A poison can smell or taste good
- You cannot always recognize a poison just by looking at it
- Never eat or drink something if you don't know what it is
- Go ask a grown-up if it is safe

## Medicine vs. Candy



http://www.uthscsa.edu/mission/winter96/treat.html

## Medicine vs. Candy



## Poison Facts

- Poisons in the home
  - Household cleaners
  - Medicines can be poisons if you take too much or the wrong medication
    - Prescription, over-the-counter, herbal, illegal or animal medicines
  - Plants can be poisonous
  - Animals and insects
    - Snakes
    - Spiders
    - Scorpions





## How poison hurts you

- Swallowed poisons can hurt you in two ways:
  - They cause burns to your face, lips, mouth, throat, esophagus (the tube from your throat to your stomach), or stomach
    - Common examples at home include drain opener, toilet bowl cleaner, oven cleaner, and rust remover
  - Other products can be absorbed from your stomach into your bloodstream

## How poison hurts you

- Inhaled poisons can hurt you in several ways:
  - It can cause burns to your face, eyes, nose, throat, or lungs
    - Mixing cleaning products together is a common cause of this problem
  - Other products can be absorbed from your lungs into your bloodstream

## How poisons hurt you

- Poisons in your eyes can cause irritation or burns
- Poisons on your skin can hurt you in two ways:
  - They can burn your skin.
    - Common examples at home include drain opener, toilet bowl cleaner, and rust remover
  - Some poisons can be absorbed through your skin, enter your bloodstream, and be carried to other body organs
    - At home, a common example is pesticides if they are spilled or sprayed on your skin

## What to do in case of Poisoning?

- Call the poison control center if you or someone you know is exposed to a poison
- Speak with specially trained pharmacists, nurses, or doctors called "specialists in poison information"
- The certified poison specialist will instruct you on what to do about the poisoning

## How to Prevent Poisoning

- Store poisons safely
  - Keep medicines and household products locked up
  - Keep poisons in their original containers
  - Use child-resistant packaging
- Use poisons safely
  - READ LABELS—and follow directions
  - Lock products up after using them
  - If it is a medicine-call it medicine and not candies!
- Teach children to ask first!
  - Poisons can look like food or drink, so teach children to ask before eating or drinking anything 77

## Take Home Messages

- Speak with a parent or adult before using any medicine
- Read the labels carefully
  - Both Rx and OTC labels have important information about medications
- OTC medicines are serious medicines too
  - Be smart about what you put into your body it's the only body you have.
- Ask a pharmacist if you have any drug-related questions
- Call the poison control center if you or your family member takes too much medicine or the wrong medicine

We hope you will share this information with your family. <u>Thank you.</u>



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