

# Rare Disease Day 2024



## Labeling for Prescription Medicines

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- The labeling examples in this presentation are provided only to demonstrate current labeling development challenges and should not be considered FDA recommended templates.

# Overview of Presentation



- Recognize the different types of labeling for prescription medicines
- Discuss how the labeling for prescription medicines are approved by the FDA
- Describe what happens to the labeling for prescription medicines after approval

# Different Types of Labeling for Prescription Medicines

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## MEDICATION GUIDE MYDRUG [mye-drug] (drugoxide injection) for intramuscular use

What is the most important information I should know about MYDRUG?

What is MYDRUG?

Who should not take MYDRUG?

How should I take MYDRUG?

What should I avoid while taking MYDRUG?

What are the possible or reasonably likely side effects of MYDRUG?

Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

### General information about the safe and effective use of MYDRUG.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use MYDRUG for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give MYDRUG to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

Drug Company X, City, State, zip code

This Medication Guide has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Revised: MM/YYYY

## Patient Labeling

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use PROPRIETARY NAME safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for PROPRIETARY NAME.

PROPRIETARY NAME (nonproprietary name) dosage form, route of administration, controlled substance symbol  
Initial U.S. Approval: YYYY

#### WARNING: TITLE OF WARNING

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Text (4)
- Text (5.x)

#### RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Section Title, Subsection Title (x.x) M/YYYY  
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#### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

PROPRIETARY NAME is a (insert FDA established pharmacologic class text phrase) indicated for ... (1)

#### Limitations of Use

Text (1)

#### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Text (2.x)
- Text (2.x)

#### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Dosage form(s): strength(s) (3)

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Text (4)
- Text (4)

#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Text (5.x)
- Text (5.x)

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (incidence > x%) are text (6.x)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact name of manufacturer at toll-free phone # or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

#### DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Text (7.x)
- Text (7.x)

#### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- Text (8.x)
- Text (8.x)

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and FDA-approved patient labeling OR and Medication Guide.

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8.5 Geriatric Use

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## Prescribing Information

## Labeling on the Packaging

Rx only NDC 12345-6789-30

**Mydrug**  
(drugoxide) Injection

50 mg/10 mL

(5 mg/mL)

For continuous infusion after dilution  
Single-dose vial – Discard unused portion.

10 mL single dose vial

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## BOXED WARNING

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

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# Patient Labeling for Prescription Medicines

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## FDA-Approved Patient Labeling

### Medication Guides, Patient Package Inserts, and Instructions for Use

- Proposed by applicant
- Reviewed and approved by FDA
- Content is based on the Prescribing Information

## Patient Labeling Not Approved by FDA

### “Consumer medication information”

- Not submitted to FDA
- Not reviewed or approved by FDA

# Medication Guide<sup>1</sup>

## (FDA-Approved Patient Labeling)



<p><b>MEDICATION GUIDE</b>  <b>DRUG-X [drug X]</b>  <b>(drugimab-cznm)</b>  <b>injection, for intramuscular use</b></p>
<p><b>What is the most important information I should know about DRUG-X?</b>          ....</p>
<p><b>What is DRUG-X?</b>          ....</p>
<p><b>Who should not take DRUG-X?</b>          ....</p>
<p><b>Before taking DRUG-X, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:</b>          ....</p>
<p><b>How should I take DRUG-X?</b>          ....</p>
<p><b>What should I avoid while taking DRUG-X?</b>          ....</p>
<p><b>What are the possible side effects of DRUG-X?</b>          ....          Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.</p>
<p><b>How should I store DRUG-X?</b>          ....</p>
<p><b>General information about the safe and effective use of DRUG-X.</b>          Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use DRUG-X for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give DRUG-X to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.</p> <p>You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about DRUG-X that is written for health professionals.</p>
<p><b>What are the ingredients in DRUG-X?</b>          Active ingredients:          Inactive ingredients:</p>
<p>Manufactured for:          Manufactured by:</p>
<p>This Medication Guide has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Revised: MM/YYYY</p>

<sup>1</sup> Medication Guide regulations [21 CFR 208] at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-208>



# Patient Package Insert<sup>1</sup>

## (FDA-Approved Patient Labeling)



<b>PATIENT INFORMATION</b> <b>DRUG-X [drug X]</b> <b>(drugoxide-a and drugoxide-b tablets)</b> <b>for oral use</b>	
<b>What is DRUG-X?</b>	...
<b>Do not take DRUG-X if you:</b>	...
<b>Before taking DRUG-X, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:</b>	...
<b>How should I take DRUG-X?</b>	...
<b>What should I avoid while taking DRUG-X?</b>	...
<b>What are the possible side effects of DRUG-X?</b>	... Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.
<b>How should I store DRUG-X?</b>	...
<b>General information about the safe and effective use of DRUG-X.</b>	Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use DRUG-X for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give DRUG-X to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.  You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about DRUG-X that is written for health professionals.
<b>What are the ingredients in DRUG-X?</b>	Active ingredients: Inactive ingredients:
<b>Manufactured for:</b>	Manufactured by:
This Patient Information has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Revised: MM/YYYY	

<sup>1</sup> Oral contraceptives see regulations (21 CFR 310.501) at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-I/subchapter-D/part-310/subpart-E/section-310.501>; estrogen-containing products regulations (21 CFR 310.515) at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-I/subchapter-D/part-310/subpart-E/section-310.515>

# Instructions for Use<sup>1</sup>

## (FDA-Approved Patient Labeling)



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**  
**MYDRUG [mye-drug]**  
**(drugoxide injection)**  
**for intramuscular use**

This Instructions for Use contains information on how to take MYDRUG.

**Important Information You Need to Know Before Taking MYDRUG**

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**Preparing to Take MYDRUG**

...

**Taking MYDRUG**

...

**Storing MYDRUG**

...

**Disposing of MYDRUG**

...

Drug Company X, City, State, zip code

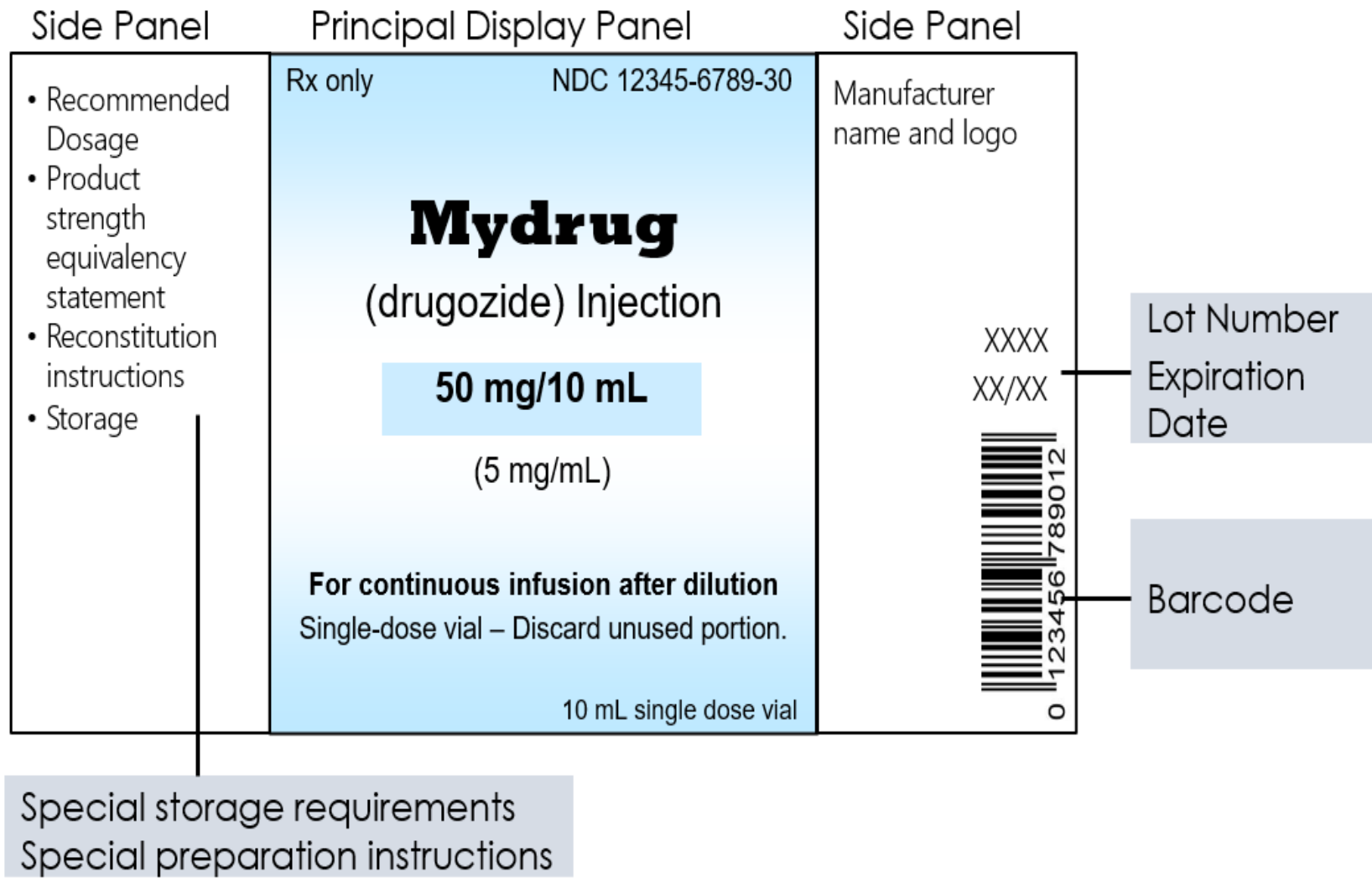
This Instructions for Use has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Approved: MM/YYYY

<sup>1</sup> Guidance for industry: *Instructions for Use — Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products — Content and Format* (July 2022) available at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/instructions-use-patient-labeling-human-prescription-drug-and-biological-products-content-and-format> 10

# Labeling on the Packaging of Prescription Medicines

# Labeling on the Packaging<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Guidance for industry: *Safety Considerations for Container Labels and Carton Labeling Design to Minimize Medication Errors* (May 2022) available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/158522/download>

# Prescribing Information for Prescription Medicines

(labeling for healthcare providers)

# Prescribing Information (PI)<sup>1</sup>



Written for **healthcare practitioners** and must:

- Contain a summary of essential scientific information needed for safe and effective use of drugs
- Be informative and accurate and neither promotional in tone nor false or misleading in any particular
- Be updated when new information becomes available that causes labeling to become inaccurate, false, or misleading

<sup>1</sup> Applies to Physician Labeling Rule (PLR) labeling and “old” (non-PLR) format labeling; 21 CFR 201.56(a)

# Two Types of Prescribing Information (PI)

<b>BOXED WARNING</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY</b>
<b>INDICATION AND USAGE</b>
<b>CONTRAINDICATIONS</b>
<b>WARNINGS</b>
<b>PRECAUTIONS</b>
General
Information for Patients
Laboratory Tests
Drug Interactions
Drug/Laboratory Tests
Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility
Pregnancy
Labor and Delivery
Nursing Mothers
Pediatric Use
Geriatric Use
<b>ADVERSE REACTIONS</b>
<b>DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE</b>
<b>OVERDOSAGE</b>
<b>DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION</b>
<b>HOW SUPPLIED</b>

**“Old” Format  
(1979 final rule)**

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Section Title, Subsection Title (x.x) M/YYYY  
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**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**  
PROPRIETARY NAME is a (insert FDA established pharmacologic class text phrase) indicated for ... (1)

Limitations of Use  
Text (1)

- FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS\*
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    - 2.1 Subsection Title
    - 2.2 Subsection Title
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  - **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**
  - **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**
    - 5.1 Subsection Title
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  - **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**
    - 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience
    - 6.2 Immunogenicity
    - 6.2 or 6.3 Postmarketing Experience
  - **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**
    - 7.1 Subsection Title
    - 7.2 Subsection Title
  - **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**
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    - 8.5 Geriatric Use
    - 8.6 Subpopulation X

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-----**DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**-----  
Dosage form(s): strength(s) (3)

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• Text (4)

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## PLR Format (2006 final rule)

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PLR format = Physician Labeling Rule format

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### Limitations of Use

Text (1)

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# Full Prescribing Information Sections



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# Indications and Usage (Section 1)<sup>1</sup>



Treatment, prevention, or diagnosis of a recognized disease or condition or manifestation of a recognized disease or condition (or a manifestation thereof)<sup>2</sup>

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

DRUG-X is indicated, **in combination with methotrexate**, for the treatment of **juvenile idiopathic arthritis** in **pediatric patients 2 years of age and older** who have had an **inadequate response to TNF inhibitor therapy**

<sup>1</sup> See regulations 21 CFR 201.57(c)(2) available at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/part-201/section-201.57#p-201.57\(c\)\(2\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/part-201/section-201.57#p-201.57(c)(2)); draft guidance for industry: *Indications and Usage Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products – Content and Format*. (July 2018) (when final, this guidance will represent FDA's current thinking on this topic) available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/114443/download>

<sup>2</sup> Or relief of symptoms associated with a recognized disease or condition

# Dosage and Administration (Section 2)<sup>1</sup>



Include the following **dosage** information, as appropriate:

- Recommended dosage (dose, frequency, and duration), method of titration, dosage range, maximum dosage
- Dosage in specific populations (e.g., pediatrics, renal impairment)
- Dosage modifications due to drug interactions or adverse reactions
- Recommended concomitant therapy
- Discontinuation instructions

<sup>1</sup> 21 CFR 201.57(c)(3) available at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/part-201/section-201.57#p-201.57\(c\)\(3\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/part-201/section-201.57#p-201.57(c)(3)) and draft guidance for industry: *Dosage and Administration Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products — Content and Format* (January 2023). When final, this guidance will represent FDA's current thinking on this topic. Available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/114443/download>

# Dosage and Administration (Section 2)<sup>1</sup>



Include important **preparation** and **administration** instructions such as:

- Reconstitution and/or dilution instructions
- Route(s) of administration
- Whether oral drug should be taken with or without food
- Specific injection site(s)
- Rate of administration of intravenous products

<sup>1</sup> 21 CFR 201.57(c)(3) available at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/part-201/section-201.57#p-201.57\(c\)\(3\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/part-201/section-201.57#p-201.57(c)(3)) and draft guidance for industry: *Dosage and Administration Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products — Content and Format* (January 2023). When final, this guidance will represent FDA's current thinking on this topic. Available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/114443/download>



# How Prescribing Information Are Approved

# Step 1: Drug Company Submits Draft Prescribing Information



Drug company submits an application to approve a prescription medicine or a supplement for an approved prescription medicine<sup>1</sup>

- Application/supplement includes draft Prescribing Information

<sup>1</sup> If requested, FDA provides comments about drug companies' draft PI before the drug company submits the application or supplement to the FDA

# Step 2: FDA Reviews Proposed Prescribing Information (PI) (1 of 2)



- FDA reviews PI from the time of submission to the time of FDA action
- FDA review team is multi-disciplined
  - For example, doctors with a specialty in the disease/condition being treated, clinical pharmacology staff, labeling specialists, product quality reviewers, pharmacology/toxicology staff, promotional content specialists, regulatory project managers, safety experts, statisticians)



# Step 2: FDA Reviews Proposed Prescribing Information (PI): Principles of Review (2 of 2)



- Ensure scientific accuracy
- Ensure meets statutory/regulatory requirements and is consistent with final guidance recommendations
- Ensure consistent message
- Improve organization/formatting
- Update terminology and remove/revise misleading, or clearly inapplicable information

# Step 3: FDA and Drug Company Discuss Proposed Prescribing Information (PI) and PI Approval



- FDA review team frequently asks the drug company for additional data to support or to clarify statements in the proposed PI
- PI development typically involving several rounds of editing and discussions between FDA and the drug company to arrive at a final agreed-upon PI
- Assuming everything else in the application is approvable, if the FDA and the drug company:
  - Agree on information in the PI, the PI is approved
  - Cannot agree on the information in the PI, the application will not be approved

# What Happens After Prescribing Information Is Approved

# Prescribing Information Distribution



- Upon approval of the application or supplement, PI are posted:
  - Drugs@FDA<sup>1</sup> (overwhelming majority)<sup>2</sup>
  - On Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research's webpage<sup>3</sup>
- Within 14 days of approval, the drug company submits Structured Product Labeling to FDA
- Subsequently, electronic labeling is posted to several webpages<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Drugs@FDA is available at [www.fda.gov/drugsatfda](http://www.fda.gov/drugsatfda)

<sup>2</sup> The overwhelming majority of PI for drugs regulated for "brand drugs" are posted on Drugs@FDA; however, the PI for generic drugs are not typically posted on Drugs@FDA

<sup>3</sup> CBER approves vaccines, allergenic products, blood products, cellular and gene therapy products. To find labeling for these products, see <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/development-approval-process-cber/biological-approvals-year>

<sup>4</sup> Available on many websites including FDALabel (<https://nctr-crs.fda.gov/fdalabel/ui/search>)

# How Is the Prescribing Information Updated After Approval?



- **Drug company** submits a supplement to their application:
  - Add safety information
  - To propose new indications, populations, dosages
  
- **FDA** may:
  - Ask the drug company to submit a supplement to their application to update the PI
  - Require the drug company to update their PI (new safety information)

## Drug Company's Responsibilities

- Should review labeling at least annually for outdated information<sup>1</sup>
- Labeling must be updated when new information becomes available that causes labeling to become inaccurate, false, or misleading<sup>2</sup>

## Labeling Update Opportunities

FDA encourages labeling updates for multiple labeling type submissions

<sup>1</sup> Guidance for industry: *Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products – Implementing the PLR Content and Format Requirements* (February 2013) available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/71836/download>

<sup>2</sup> 21 CFR 201.56(a)(2) available at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/part-201/section-201.56#p-201.56\(a\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/part-201/section-201.56#p-201.56(a))

# Updating Labeling (2 of 2)

Consistent with the updating labeling requirement, *“when revising existing information in the labeling, applicants should evaluate labeling content to ensure that it accurately reflects current knowledge about the use of the drug in [patients 65 years of age or older] for all approved indications ... [Drug companies] should review and update sections of labeling pertinent to ... information [about patients 65 years of age or older) as necessary when updating the labeling.”*<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Draft guidance for industry: *Geriatric Information in Human Prescription Drug and Biological Product Labeling* (September 2020). When final this guidance, will represent the FDA’s current thinking on this topic. Available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/142162/download>.

# Resources for Labeling for Prescription Medicines



# Frequently Asked Questions about Labeling for Prescription Medicines

FDA webpage about labeling for prescription medicines

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## FDA's Labeling Resources for Human Prescription Drugs

Prescribing Information Resources

Patient Labeling Resources

Carton and Container Labeling Resources

Selection of Appropriate SPL Codes for Human Prescription Drug Labeling

Generic Drugs - Specific Labeling Resources

Frequently asked questions about labeling for prescription drugs (medicines) on this webpage are primarily directed to healthcare professionals (for example, doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, nurses) and patients and their caregivers. For information about prescription drug labeling resources primarily directed to industry such as those for the Prescribing Information, FDA-approved patient labeling, carton and container labeling, biological product labeling, generic drug labeling, labeling databases, and product databases visit [FDA's Labeling Resources for Prescription Drugs](#).

Labeling for prescription medicines is FDA's primary tool for communicating drug information to healthcare professionals, and patients and their caregivers. Labeling for prescription medicines includes:

- Prescribing Information (labeling for healthcare professionals),
- Carton and container labeling (cartons and containers are outside packaging that contain information about prescription medicines), and
- Labeling for patients or caregivers (e.g., Medication Guides, Patient Package Inserts, and Instructions for Use).

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/fdas-labeling-resources-human-prescription-drugs/frequently-asked-questions-about-labeling-prescription-medicines>

# FDALabel: Full-Text Search of Labeling for FDA-Regulated Products<sup>1</sup>

**Labeling Types**

Choose one or more: [Animal Rx](#) [Animal OTC](#) [Human Rx](#) [Human OTC](#) [Medical Device](#) [Medical Device Rx](#) [Vaccine](#)

or choose one or more from the list:

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**Application Types or Marketing Categories**

Choose one or more: [ANDA](#) [BLA](#) [NDA](#) [NDA Authorized Generic](#) [OTC Monograph Final](#) [OTC Monograph Not Final](#)

or choose one or more from the list:

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**Product Name(s)**

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**Labeling Full Text Search**

[Simple Search](#): Search for exact text using complete words/phrases (ignores non-alphanumeric characters, e.g., ignores "-", "%")  
[Advanced Search](#) (from drop-down menu): Conduct a Boolean and/or partial word search

<sup>1</sup> FDALabel (<https://nctr-crs.fda.gov/fdalabel/ui/search>) contains > 140,000 Structured Product Labeling from human and animal drugs, animal drugs, devices, dietary supplements, cosmetics, medical foods

