


RM 1–SU: How to Read a Prescription Drug Label

Sample of Prescription Drug Label

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| MANITOBA Pharmacy 204 Manitoba Street Winnipeg MB M2B 2Y2 Canada Store # 0001 Phone: 204-204-2004 | |
| Rx# 2042042 Ref:0 Dr. Manitoba | |
| KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN | Toba Man |
| | TAKE 1 CAPSULE THREE TIMES DAILY UNTIL FINISHED (ANTIBIOTIC) |
| | APO-AMOXI 500MG AMOXICILLIN 500MG RED/YEL/ELLIP/APO{500} |
| | APX 00628123 |
| 30 CAP 14 Oct 2007 Total:21.43 | EDS |
|  | Important: Take this medication for the prescribed duration. |

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Using the sample label provided, answer the following questions to determine what important information must be included on a prescription drug label.

1. What is the name of the pharmacy?

2. What is the address of the pharmacy?

3. What is the store number of the pharmacy?

4. What is the phone number of the pharmacy?

5. What is the prescription number?

6. What is the physician's name?

7. What is the date that the prescription was filled?

8. What is the name of the person for whom the drug is prescribed?
(Prescription drugs should be used only by the person for whom the drugs were prescribed.)

9. What is the brand name of this drug?
(Various manufacturers or companies may make the same generic drug but will call it by their own brand or trade name.)

10. What is the name of the medication or the main ingredient?

11. What is the strength of the medication?

12. What do the letters APX mean?

13. What does the number listed below the company code represent?

14. How much is in the package?

15. What are the directions or instructions for taking the medication?

16. Are there any cautions or warnings on the label?

17. Do prescription drug labels often include any additional information that is not on this one?

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RM 1–SU: How to Read a Prescription Drug Label (*Continued*) (Answer Key)

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| 1. What is the name of the pharmacy? | Manitoba Pharmacy |
| 2. What is the address of the pharmacy? | 204 Manitoba Street, Winnipeg MB M2B 2Y2 Canada |
| 3. What is the store number of the pharmacy? | Store: #0001 |
| 4. What is the phone number of the pharmacy? | Phone: 204-204-2004 |
| 5. What is the prescription number? | Rx: #2042042 |
| 6. What is the physician's name? | Dr. Manitoba |
| 7. What is the date that the prescription was filled? | October 14, 2007 |
| 8. What is the name of the person for whom the drug is prescribed? (Prescription drugs should be used only by the person for whom the drugs were prescribed.) | Toba Man |
| 9. What is the brand name of this drug? (Various manufacturers or companies may make the same generic drug but will call it by their own brand or trade name.) | APO–Amoxi |
| 10. What is the name of the medication or the main ingredient? | Amoxicillin is the generic name for the drug. |
| 11. What is the strength of the medication? | 500 mg |
| 12. What do the letters APX mean? | The letters indicate the manufacturer's/company's code. |
| 13. What does the number listed below the company code represent? | This number indicates the drug identification number (DIN). |
| 14. How much is in the package? | 30 cap (capsules) |
| 15. What are the directions or instructions for taking the medication? | Take 1 capsule three times daily until finished (antibiotic). |
| 16. Are there any cautions or warnings on the label? | Important: Take this medication for the prescribed duration. Keep out of reach of children. |
| 17. Do prescription drug labels often include any additional information that is not on this one? | Expiry date, refill information, and additional information, on stickers, such as Take with food. |