

Understanding Your Medication

Information for patients, parents
and carers

This leaflet aims to highlight important medication related information to patients, parents and carers to improve medication safety.

It is important that you understand the information that may be printed on your medication.

This information will tell you the **name** of the medication, the **strength** of the medication, when your **medication** will expire and how to **store** your medication.

In addition to this information, any medication obtained by using a prescription (given to you by a pharmacy/hospital) will also have a personalised printed label.

The label should have **your name** on, the **name of the medication**, the **strength** of the medication, instructions on **how much medication** to give, **how to give** it and **how often** to give it. Understanding this type of information can help to reduce the risk of medication errors.

Example medication label



Keep out of reach & sight of children

Mary's Pharmacy, Leeds, LS1 234
John Doe 25/12/2015, 14 Haribo Street, Leeds LS1 234 NHS: 700123456789

Captopril 25MG/5ML oral suspension

Take **1ml THREE** times a day using the oral syringe provided

Store below 25°C 200mls
DO NOT USE AFTER 21/05/2028

 Keep out of the reach of children  Disp Chkd



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