For the facts about your medicine
get your free Consumer Medicine Information leaflet

For important facts to know before, during and after taking your medicine, read the Consumer Medicine Information – now available for each of your prescription and many non-prescription medicines.

Where can you get Consumer Medicine Information?

Sometimes you can find Consumer Medicine Information inside the packet or box, or:

- Ask your pharmacist or doctor and they will print it from their computer.
- Phone the National Prescribing Service Medicines Line on 1300 888 763 for the cost of a local call and talk to a pharmacist. You can ring Mon – Fri, 9 am – 6 pm, Eastern Standard Time.
- Visit the NPS website at www.nps.org.au/consumers
- Or, you can contact the Medical Information Department of the pharmaceutical company that made your medicine. Find their number in the phone book.

How can Consumer Medicine Information help?

While your doctor and pharmacist will give you information about your medicine, Consumer Medicine Information is a useful back-up reference. Keep it in a handy place so you can refer to it later and discuss it with your doctor or pharmacist when you need to.

‘My Consumer Medicine Information is extremely valuable and I always check to see if any new medicine that I am prescribed is compatible with what I’m currently taking.’ (Anne, retiree.)
Information you will find in a Consumer Medicine Information leaflet

**PRODUCT X®**

**Generic Name**

**Consumer Medicine Information**

**What is in this leaflet**

**Using Product X**

- How to take it

- If you forget to take it

**What Product X is for**

**Before you use Product X**

- When you must not use it

- Before you start to use it

- Taking other medicines

**Side effects**

**How to take it**

**What to do if you have leftover medicine**

**e.g. safe temperatures**

**What to do if you miss a dose**

**Overdose**

**Disposal**

**While you are using Product X**

**Storage**

**Things you must do**

**Product description**

**Ingredients**

**Things you must not do**

**What Product X looks like**

**Things to be careful of**

**Ingredients**

**Manufacturer**

Check for possible interactions with your other medicines


Consumer Medicine Information is written by the pharmaceutical company that makes the medicine. Companies writing these leaflets follow Government guidelines to ensure the information is accurate, unbiased, and easy to understand. See above for an example.