

PATIENT INFORMATION

	Consumer Medication Information (CMI)	Medication Guide	Patient Package Insert (PPI)
What kind of information is in it?	Specific information on the safe and effective use of a medicine	Specific information on the safe and effective use of a medicine	Specific information on the safe and effective use of a medicine
Which medicines have it?	All prescription medicines filled for the first time	Certain prescription medicines with serious and significant public health concerns as decided by the FDA	Oral contraceptives (birth control pills) and medicines with estrogen, and some other prescription medicines as decided by the FDA or the drug company
Is the pharmacist required to give it?	Provided voluntarily by pharmacies to meet goals established by Congress; It is usually stapled to the outside of or put in the pharmacy bag with the patient's prescription	Yes, for all new and refilled prescriptions that are required by FDA to have a Medication Guide	No, except for oral contraceptives (birth control pills) and medicines with estrogen where the information is usually part of a unit-of-use package
Who writes it?	Pharmacy or outside company	Drug company	Drug company
Is it reviewed and approved by FDA?	No	Yes	Yes