CDER’s Review of the Prescribing Information

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Learning Objectives

Understand:

• Regulatory requirements for the Prescribing Information
• Roles and responsibilities of select CDER staff in the review of the Prescribing Information
• Importance of clear, concise, and applicable information in the Prescribing Information
• Content of recently published labeling guidances
• Where to find resources for developing the Prescribing Information
Labeling Review Goals

Ensure that drug* labeling

• Meets statutory/regulatory requirements and is appropriately consistent with guidance recommendations
• Is clinically meaningful and scientifically accurate
• Is concise and clear for healthcare providers

Prescription drug labeling is FDA’s primary tool for communicating drug information

* The term “drug” as used in this presentation refers to both human prescription drug and biological products.
Words Are Powerful!

- Supposedly said: (English translation) “Let them eat cake!”

- Original French phrase: Qu'ils mangent de la brioche” : “Let them eat brioche!”

- Marie Antoinette (1755-1793)
- Queen of France before French Revolution

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Words Can Be Misinterpreted!

Punctuations can potentially save lives!

“Let’s eat, grandma.”

*versus*

“Let’s eat grandma.”
Prescribing Information

(21CFR 201.56(a))

Must contain a summary of the essential information needed for the safe and effective use of the drug

Must be informative and accurate

Must not be promotional in tone

Must not be false or misleading

Must be updated when new information becomes available that causes the labeling to become inaccurate, false, or misleading

Must be based whenever possible on human data

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Sections of the Prescribing Information

- Highlights of Prescribing Information (Highlights)
- Table of Contents (Contents)
- Full Prescribing Information (FPI)
Sections/Subsections of the Full Prescribing Information*

*Required unless clearly inapplicable (21CFR 201.56(d)(1) and (4))

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Contents

FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS*

WARNING: [SUBJECT OF WARNING]

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
   2.1 Text
   2.2 Text

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
   5.1 Clinically Significant AR or Risk #1
   5.2 Clinically Significant AR or Risk #2
   5.3 Clinically Significant AR or Risk #3

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS
   6.1 Clinical Trials Experience
   6.2 Immunogenicity
   6.2.6.3 Postmarketing Experience

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
   8.1 Pregnancy
   8.2 Lactation (if not required to be in PLLR format use "Labor and Delivery")
   8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential (if not required to be in PLLR format use "Nursing Mothers")
   8.4 Pediatric Use
   8.5 Geriatric Use
   8.6 Subpopulation X

9 DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE
   9.1 Controlled Substance
   9.2 Abuse
   9.3 Dependence

10 OVERDOSAGE

11 DESCRIPTION

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
   12.1 Mechanism of Action
   12.2 Pharmacodynamics
   12.3 Pharmacokinetics
   12.4 Microbiology
   12.5 Pharmacogenomics

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
   13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
   13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

14 CLINICAL STUDIES
   14.1 Text
   14.2 Text

15 REFERENCES

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

* Sections or subsections omitted from the full prescribing information are not listed
Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use NAME OF DRUG PRODUCT safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for NAME OF DRUG PRODUCT.

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

WARNING: SUBJECT OF WARNING
See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.
• Text (5.1)
• Text (5.2)

RECENT MAJOR CHANGES
Section title, Subsection Title (X.X) M/201Y
Section title, Subsection Title (X.X) M/201Y

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

DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
• Text (2.1)
• Text (2.2)

DOSEAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
Dosage form: 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)
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.

DRUG INTERACTIONS
• Text (7)
• Text (7)

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.

Revised: M/201Y
CDER’s Review of the Prescribing Information is a Collaborative Process
CDER Prescribing Information Reviewers Include……

• Division/Office Director (includes Deputy): Signatory authority;

• Cross-Discipline Team Lead (CDTL): Oversees review to ensure labeling is clinically meaningful and scientifically accurate

• Regulatory Project Manager (RPM): Manages administrative functions; Performs format (Selected Requirements of Prescribing Information) review during filing period

• Associate Director for Labeling: Ensures entire labeling conforms with labeling regulations, statutory requirements, and applicable guidance recommendations
CDER Prescribing Information Reviewers Include...... (cont.)

- Clinical Reviewers
- Pharmacology/Toxicology Reviewers
- Clinical Pharmacology Reviewers
- Product Quality Reviewers
- Biostatistics Reviewers
- Clinical Microbiology Reviewers
- Risk Management Reviewers
- Medication Error and Prevention and Analysis Reviewers
Other Subject Matter Experts
As Needed......

- Labeling Development Team (LDT) Reviewers: develop/implement labeling policy initiatives to promote consistency in and improve labeling review practices (across review divisions)
- Pediatric Reviewers
- Maternal Health Reviewers
- Prescription Drug Promotion Reviewers
- Controlled Substance Staff Reviewers
- Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) Reviewers
Prescribing Information Focused Review Example
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 (non-proprietary 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)

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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)

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USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
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• Text (8.x)

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* 21 CFR 201.57(a)(2)
Product Title

PROPRIETARY NAME (nonproprietary name) dosage form, route of administration, controlled substance symbol

Example:
MYDRUG (drugoxide) tablets, for oral use, CV
Product Title Review Involves Several Disciplines

Medication Error Prevention and Analysis Reviewer

Pharmaceutical Quality Reviewer*

PROPRIETARY NAME (non-proprietary name) dosage form, route of administration, controlled substance symbol

Clinical Reviewer

Controlled Substance Reviewer

*For drug and biological products
Data From Some Sections Supports Recommendations in Other Sections
Efficacy Review: Clinical and Biostats Focused Review

- BOXED WARNING
- 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE
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- 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
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Sections 1 and 2 Informed by Content of Section 14
### Example 1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>14 CLINICAL STUDIES</th>
<th>OTHER LABELING SECTIONS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STUDY ABC enrolled adult patients with metastatic small cell lung cancer (SCLC) who had progressed after receiving platinum-based chemotherapy and at least one other prior line of therapy.....</td>
<td>1 INDICATIONS and USAGE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drug-X is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic small cell lung cancer (SCLC) with progression after platinum-based chemotherapy and at least one other line of therapy</td>
<td>(Indications or uses must not be implied or suggested in other sections of the labeling - 21CFR 201.57(c)(2)(iv) and (v))</td>
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### Example 2

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<tr>
<td>In Study DEF patients who received DRUG-Y 20 mg orally once daily showed improvement in Mayo scores compared to patients who received placebo at week 6 as shown in Table 1.</td>
<td>2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The recommended dosage of DRUG-Y is 20 mg orally once daily.</td>
<td>(Dosing regimens must not be implied or suggested in other sections of the labeling - 21CFR 201.57(c)(3)(ii))</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
How You Say It Matters As Much as What You Say
Text Should be Consistent with Applicable Guidance Recommendations

- **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** (include age groups in the Indication) ¹
  - Ex: “*DRUG-X is indicated for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis.*”

- **CONTRAINDICATIONS** (use term, “contraindicated” when describing)
  - Ex: “*Drug X is contraindicated in patients with condition Y.*” ²

- **ADVERSE REACTIONS**: (classify adverse reactions using meaningful and specific terms) ³
  - Ex: Avoid terms such as, “infestations”

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1. FDA draft Guidance: *Indications and Usage Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products — Content and Format* (when finalized this guidance will represent the FDA’s current thinking)
2. FDA Guidance: *Warnings and Precautions, Contraindications, and Boxed Warnings Sections of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products — Content and Format*
3. FDA Guidance: *Adverse Reactions Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products — Content and Format*
Ensure Information is Clear; Concise; and Applicable

• Omit information that is not pertinent for healthcare providers to use the drug safely and effectively
  • Ex: “Daily dosing and continued treatment are critical.”

• Use directive statements
  • Ex: “Prepare and reconstitute DRUG-X as described in Table 1.”

• Omit clearly inapplicable content*
  • Ex: Omit the Geriatric Use subsection for a drug only approved for use in neonates

*21CFR 201.56(d)(4)
HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use DRUG-X safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for DRUG-X.

DRUG-X (drugoxide) capsules, for oral use

Initial U.S. Approval: 2005

WARNING: EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY
See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

DRUG-X can cause embryo-fetal toxicity. Obtain pregnancy testing in females of reproductive potential before initiating treatment with DRUG-X. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with DRUG-X and for at least 30 days after the last dose.
Format Review Tool

Selected Requirements of Prescribing Information (SRPI)*

• 41-item, drop-down checklist of important format elements of the prescribing information based on labeling regulations (21 CFR 201.56 and 201.57) and guidances

*https://www.fda.gov/drugs/laws-acts-and-rules/plr-requirements-prescribing-information
What’s New!

- FDA Draft Guidance*: Product Title and Initial U.S. Approval in the Highlights of Prescribing Information for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products-Content and Format (January 2018)
- FDA Draft Guidance*: Indications and Usage Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products-Content and Format (July 2018)
- FDA Guidance: Pediatric Information Incorporated Into Human Prescription Drug and Biological Product Labeling (March 2019)

*When finalized these guidances will represent FDA’s current thinking.
• Provides recommended format, content, and terminology sources for the required elements of the product title in Highlights (drug names, dosage form, route of administration, controlled substance symbol)

• Includes appendices for dosage form and route of administration terminology to assist in selecting proper terminology for use in the product title and other human drug and biological product labeling

• Provides recommendations for determining the initial U.S. approval date in Highlights
### Terminology

**Aerosol**
- Aerosols are packaged under pressure. All aerosols are assumed to be metered except topical aerosols. Topical aerosols are assumed not to be metered unless labeling indicates they are metered.
- Inhalation aerosol — assumed to be for oral inhalation
- Lingual aerosol
- Nasal aerosol
- Topical aerosol

**Bead** — not preferred, see “Pellet”

**Caplet** — not preferred, see “Tablet”

**Capsule**
- Capsules are assumed to be oral.
- Note: In the past, the terminology “vaginal capsules” was used, but these drug products are now referred to as “vaginal inserts.”
- Capsules
- Delayed-release capsules
- Extended-release capsules

**Collodion** — not preferred, see “Solution”
• Provides recommendations on the general principles to consider when drafting an indication and how to write, organize, and format the information in the INDICATIONS AND USAGE section
• Provides recommendations on what information to include in the indication and when limitations of use should be considered for the INDICATIONS AND USAGE section
• Recommends that the age groups that the drug is approved for are stated in the indication
• Provides recommendations on determining the appropriate placement and content of pediatric information in labeling as described in 21CFR 201.57(c)(9)(iv) based on 4 scenarios
• Provides recommendations for including juvenile animal toxicity data in the Pediatric Use subsection
PLR Requirements for Prescribing Information

On January 24, 2006, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued final regulations governing the content and format of prescribing information (PI) for human drug and biological products. The rule is commonly referred to as the “Physician Labeling Rule” (PLR) because it addresses prescription drug labeling that is used by prescribers and other health care providers.

The goal of the PLR content and format requirements as described at 21 CFR 201.56 and 201.57 is to enhance the safe and effective use of prescription drug products by providing health care providers with clear and concise PI that is easier to access, read, and use. The PLR format also makes PI more accessible for use with electronic prescribing tools and other electronic information resources.

PI submitted with new drug applications (NDAs), biologic license applications (BLAs), and efficacy supplements must conform to the content and format regulations found at 21 CFR 201.56 and 201.57. The Labeling Development Team works with review divisions to ensure PI conforms with the PLR. This page includes links to the Final Rule, regulations, related guidance documents, and additional labeling resources.

On December 3, 2014, the FDA published the Pregnancy and Lactation Labeling Rule (PLL). The goal of the PLLR is to enhance the safe and effective use of prescription drug products in pregnant women, lactating women, and females and males of reproductive potential.

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PLR Requirements for Prescribing Information Website Content

- PLR Final Rule and Labeling Requirements
- Labeling Guidances
- Labeling Presentations – Labeling Content
- Articles with Labeling Content
- Labeling Presentations – Labeling Review Process and Resources
- Sample Templates and Format Labeling Tools
- Product Quality-Related Resources for Prescribing Information
- ANDA Labeling Guidances
- Established Pharmacologic Class Resources
- Patient Labeling Resources
- Additional Labeling Resources
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Disclaimer: Although the Structured Product Labeling (SPL) on FDALabel represents the most recent labeling that companies have submitted to FDA, the labeling has not been verified by FDA and may not be identical to the approved labeling of the labeling for currently distributed products.
Updating Labeling

Application Holder’s Responsibilities

• Should review labeling at least annually for outdated information\(^1\)
• Labeling must be updated when new information becomes available that causes labeling to become inaccurate, false, or misleading\(^2\)
  • “a drug … shall be deemed to be misbranded .. (i)f its labeling is false or misleading in any particular”\(^3\)

Labeling Update Opportunities

• Encourage updates in multiple labeling type submissions (e.g., PLR conversions, efficacy supplements)

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\(^1\) FDA Guidance: *Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products — Implementing the Content and Format Requirements*; \(^2\) 21 CFR 201.56(a)(2), \(^3\) FD&C Act [section 352(a) of the U.S.C.]
Challenge Questions
Challenge Question #1

Which of the following is not a section of the prescribing information?

a. Full Prescribing Information
b. Contents
c. Index
d. Highlights
Challenge Question #2

Which of the following statements about the Prescribing Information is false?

a. Must not be misleading
b. Written for healthcare providers and patients for safe and effective use of prescription drugs and biological products
c. Must be updated when new information causes labeling to become inaccurate
d. Must be based whenever possible on human data
Want to Learn More About Labeling?

SBIA CDER Labeling Conference:
COMING SOON!

• December 4-5, 2019
• College Park MD
• Agenda/Registration (TBD): check SBIA website

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