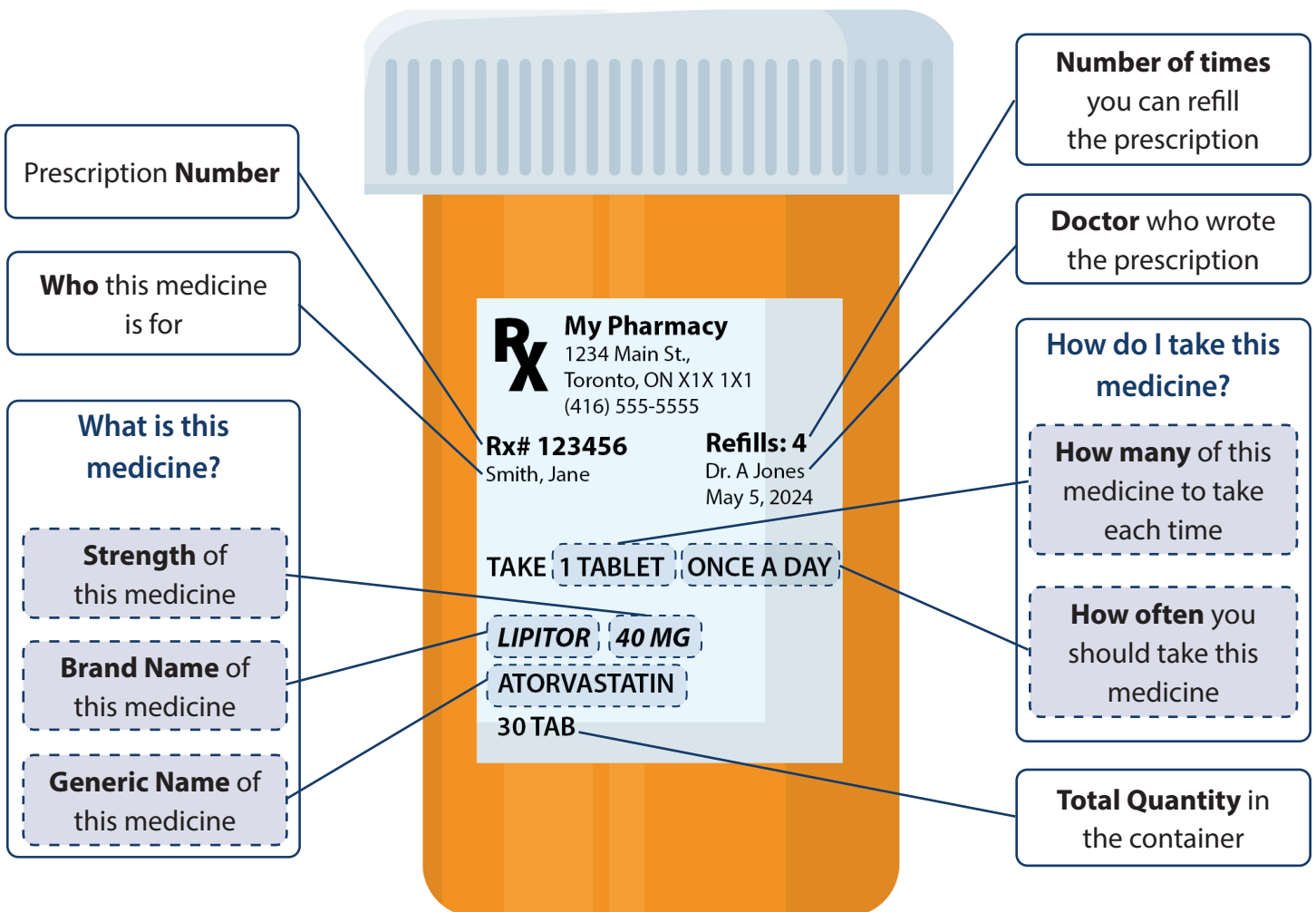


How to Read the Label on Your Medicine Bottle

If you are taking medicine, it is important to keep track of what you are taking. One way to do this is to keep a current list of all your medicines. Include details on what each medicine is and how to take it. Your medicine bottle label has most of the information you need to write this list.

This picture shows an example of a typical medicine bottle label. You may see this label on any of your prescriptions, including creams and ointments. Use this guide to help you read your prescriptions.

The shaded boxes point to the details that you should include when writing your medicine list.



The diagram shows an orange medicine bottle with a white label. The label contains the following information:

- My Pharmacy**
1234 Main St.,
Toronto, ON X1X 1X1
(416) 555-5555
- Rx# 123456**
Smith, Jane
- Refills: 4**
Dr. A Jones
May 5, 2024
- TAKE 1 TABLET ONCE A DAY**
- LIPITOR 40 MG**
- ATORVASTATIN**
- 30 TAB**

Callouts point to specific parts of the label:

- Prescription Number** points to Rx# 123456.
- Who this medicine is for** points to Smith, Jane.
- What is this medicine?** points to LIPITOR 40 MG and ATORVASTATIN.
- Strength of this medicine** points to 40 MG.
- Brand Name of this medicine** points to LIPITOR.
- Generic Name of this medicine** points to ATORVASTATIN.
- Number of times you can refill the prescription** points to Refills: 4.
- Doctor who wrote the prescription** points to Dr. A Jones.
- How do I take this medicine?** points to TAKE 1 TABLET ONCE A DAY.
- How many of this medicine to take each time** points to 1 TABLET.
- How often you should take this medicine** points to ONCE A DAY.
- Total Quantity in the container** points to 30 TAB.

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English: This information is important! If you have trouble reading this, ask someone to help you.

Italian: Queste informazioni sono importanti! Se ha difficoltà a leggere questo, chiedi aiuto a qualcuno.

Spanish: ¡Esta información es importante! Si tiene dificultad en leer esto, pida que alguien le ayude.