

Medication Line Basics Crib Sheet

Single-Text Sentence

Drug Brand
uppercase
(and not bold)

Dose (or equivalent)
must be labelled

Labels in uppercase and in a different font and colour
Do not use a colon after a label

No full stop for abbreviated units

Generic Drug
Display in full, lowercase and bold
Do not abbreviate or truncate

Long Dash
(em dash)
between attributes

Dose amount and units in bold

space to separate label from value

space to separate dose amount from dose units

Generic Drug – **Drug Brand** – modified-release tablet – **DOSE** **10 mg** – oral – once only

Multiple drug names

plus symbol surrounded with spaces

double space

paracetamol 500 mg + metoclopramide 5 mg

double space

Strength expressed in percentage

sodium chloride 0.9%

double space

Order of Attributes: use this order for the display of attributes in a medication line

generic drug – brand name – strength – form – dose (dose, volume or equivalent) – rate – dose duration – route – frequency

Wrapped

Keep attributes together when wrapping

Keep labels with attributes

When using hard line breaks (the dose is on a new line) no delimiter is needed at the end of the previous line

Wrap between words of a drug name

Line height 120% to 140%

Keep delimiters with preceding attribute

At least one line height between lines

DIORALYTE – powder for oral solution
DOSE 1 sachet – oral – once only

haemophilus influenzae type B vaccine – solution for injection – **DOSE 0.5 mL** – intramuscular – once only

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