

Buying & Using Medicine Safely

The information in this section can help you work with your health professionals to make the best medicine choices, buy safely, and use medicine so it's as safe and effective as possible.

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Antibiotics and Antibiotic Resistance

Learn when to use, and when not to use, antibiotics to prevent antibiotic resistance.

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Counterfeit Medicine

FDA works closely with other federal agencies and the private sector to help protect the nation's drug supply.

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Generic Drugs

Learn about the generic drug approval process, why generic drugs are usually less expensive, and other interesting facts and figures.

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Medication Health Fraud

Use of medication products marketed with unproven claims or containing hidden drug ingredients could cause serious health problems. Stay informed, know the risks, and prioritize your safety.

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Misuse of Prescription Pain Relievers

Using prescription pain relievers incorrectly or for non-medical reasons can lead to abuse, addiction and even death. Learn more.

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Quick Tips for Buying Medicines Over the Internet

Learn about how to safely buy prescription medicines online.

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Understanding Over-the-Counter Medicines

Find information about choosing and using over-the-counter medicine wisely.

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Safe Disposal of Medicines

Find important information about safe disposal of medicines.

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