# For the facts about your medicine

get your free Consumer Medicine Information leaflet

For important facts to know before, during and after taking your medicine, read the Consumer Medicine Information – now available for each of your prescription and many non-prescription medicines.

### Where can you get Consumer Medicine Information?

Sometimes you can find Consumer Medicine Information inside the packet or box, or:

- Ask your pharmacist or doctor and they will print it from their computer.
- Phone the National Prescribing Service Medicines Line on 1300 888 763 for the cost of a local call and talk to a pharmacist. You can ring Mon – Fri, 9 am – 6 pm, Eastern Standard Time.
- Visit the NPS website at www.nps.org.au/consumers
- Or, you can contact the Medical Information Department of the pharmaceutical company that made your medicine. Find their number in the phone book.

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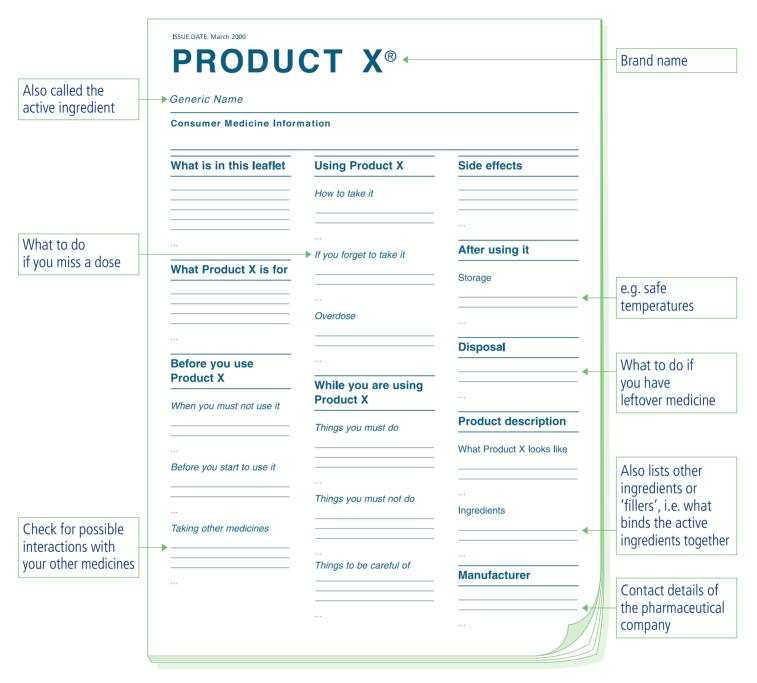
### How can Consumer Medicine Information help?

While your doctor and pharmacist will give you information about your medicine, Consumer Medicine Information is a useful back-up reference. Keep it in a handy place so you can refer to it later and discuss it with your doctor or pharmacist when you need to.

'My Consumer Medicine Information is extremely valuable and I always check to see if any new medicine that I am prescribed is compatible with what I'm currently taking.' (Anne, retiree.)



# Information you will find in a Consumer Medicine Information leaflet



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