Administration Tools and Medication Label Requirements

Over-the-Counter Medication Label Requirements
Over-the-counter medication must be in its original container and must be labeled with the child’s first and last names.

Prescription Medication Label Requirements
Prescription medication should be in a child-resistant container. It must have the original pharmacy label that includes the following:

1. Child’s first and last names
2. Medication name
3. How often to give the medication
4. Medication dose
5. Date to stop giving the medication (discontinue date) or number of days to give the medication—if applicable
6. Health care provider’s name who prescribed the medication
7. Pharmacy name and telephone number
8. Date prescription was filled

Sample Medication
Medication samples are not dispensed by a pharmacy and will not have a pharmacy label. Medication samples supplied by the child’s health care provider must be appropriately labeled with the same information that is required on a pharmacy label. Parents should be aware of this requirement so the child’s health care provider can label the samples with the required information.
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