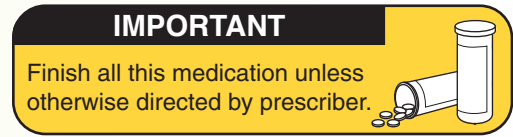


Fast Tip 5.1 Warning Labels

Remind patients to check for any warning and instruction labels the pharmacist added to the container. Examples of warnings and instructions include:

- Shake well.
- Keep refrigerated.
- For the ear.
- Take medication on an empty stomach.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages when taking this medication.
- Do not take dairy products, antacids, or iron preparations within 1 hour of taking this medication.
- Avoid prolonged or excessive exposure to direct or artificial sunlight while taking this medication.



Manufacturer Information

Stock medications stored in the office must be labeled with the necessary information to ensure safe administration. This information should include the brand (trade) name, generic name, drug strength and drug form, route of administration, total amount of medication in the container, directions for reconstitution if necessary, National Drug Code (NDC), expiration date, and lot number (Fig. 5-3).

- **Trade name.** This is the brand name given to the drug by the manufacturer with the patent rights to this drug. The trade name is always capitalized to differentiate it from the generic name.
- **Generic name.** This is the official name given to the drug by the U.S. Pharmacopeia. The generic name is almost always lowercase except when it is capitalized to begin a sentence.

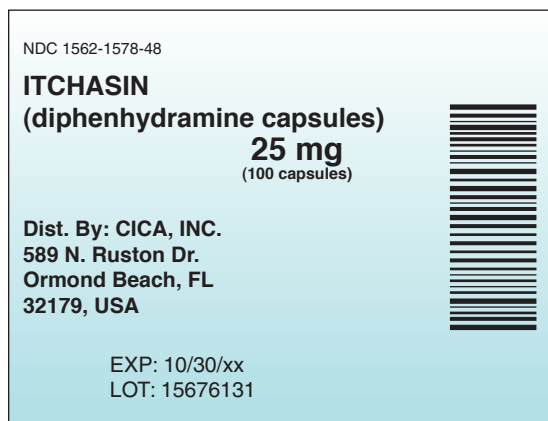


FIGURE 5-3: Sample manufacturer label. The manufacturer's label should include the brand (trade) name, generic name, drug strength and drug form, route of administration if other than oral, total amount of medication in the container, directions for reconstitution if necessary, manufacturer, National Drug Code (NDC), expiration date, and lot number.