

# **MEDICINES LIST**

Helping you keep track of your medicines

### Using your Medicines List

To get the most from your Medicines List:

**Keep it up to date** by crossing out any medicines you are no longer using and adding new medicines as you start using them.

**Take it with you** each time you visit the doctor, pharmacist or health professional, or if you go into hospital.

Keep it with you at all times in case of emergency.

Allergies or previous problems with medicines:

**Emergency contact details:** 

**GP** and specialist contact details:

## Important things to know about your medicines

To help you get the best results from your medicines, there are important questions you can ask your doctor, pharmacist or health professional including:

- Why do I need to take this medicine?
- How should my medicine work?
- ▶ When will my medicine start to work?
- ▶ How should I take my medicine? With water or food?
- When should I take my medicine and for how long?
- > Do I need to avoid any other medicines, foods or drinks when I am taking this medicine?
- What should I do if I miss a dose?
- > Do I need regular check ups or tests while taking this medicine?
- What are the side effects of taking this medicine?
- What should I do if a side effect occurs?
- How should I store my medicine?

#### Write down any other questions you may have:

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# Phone for medicines information

Call Medicines Line on 1300 MEDICINE (1300 633 424) for information on prescription, over-the-counter and complementary medicines.

Call from anywhere in Australia — Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm AEST (excluding NSW public holidays) — for the cost of a local phone call (calls from mobiles may cost more).

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# Keep your Medicines List up-to-date

List ALL medicines currently used, including: prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, herbal and natural medicines. Medicines come in many forms, including: tablets, liquids, inhalers, drops, patches, creams, suppositories and injections.

My name:			Date to have all my medicines reviewed:			
<b>Name of medicine</b> Active ingredient or brand name	Strength	What is the medicine for?	How much do I use and when?	Special instructions or comments	Date started	When to stop or review
e.g. Active ingredient: paracetamol. Brand: Parease	e.g. 500 mg capsules	e.g. Pain from arthritis	e.g. 2 capsules, every 6 hours	e.g. Doctor recommends taking regularly, rather than as needed for pain	e.g. 19.11.13	e.g. June 2014
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