

# Understanding Prescription Labels



## Read the label

- Know what you're taking, when and how to take it
- Check number of refills

## Questions about medications?

- Ask a pharmacist at Northwest Kidney Centers Pharmacy—call 206-343-4870 or email [pharmacy@nwkidney.org](mailto:pharmacy@nwkidney.org)

## Generic and brand name medication; what's the difference?

- Brand name medications are made by the company that developed the drug
- Generic medications are made by another company, but have the same active ingredients
- Generics may be substituted for brand name medications to reduce your cost, often because of insurance

