

# Seven Common Misinterpreted Pharmacy Warning Labels

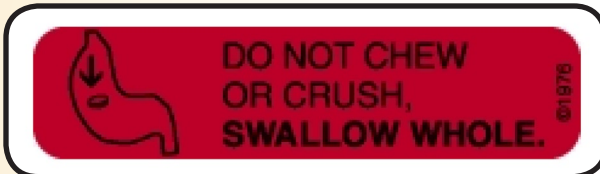


## WARNING LABEL

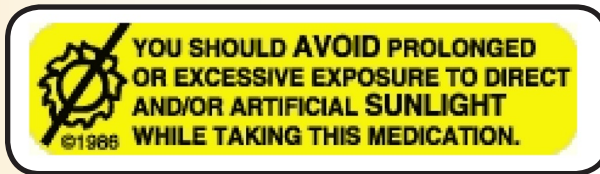
## PATIENTS THOUGHT IT MEANT...



*"Don't take food."*



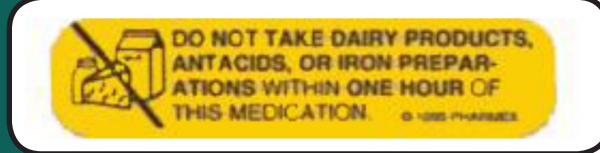
*"Chew pill and crush before swallowing."  
"Chew it up so it will dissolve."  
"Don't swallow whole or you might choke."*



*"Don't leave medicine in the sun."*



*"Don't drink and drive."  
"Don't drink alcohol."  
"It's poison and it'll kill you."*



*"If allergic to dairy, don't take medicine."  
"Don't eat for 1 hour after taking medicine."*



*"Don't take when wet."  
"Don't need water with this medicine."  
"Don't drink hot water."*



*"Use extreme caution in how you take it."  
"Medicine will make you feel dizzy."  
"Take only if you need it."*

(Reference: Davis, et al. 2006. Adapted from Table 2.)

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