

# Talking Bottle Recording Script

The Talking Medication Bottle is designed to assist persons with visual impairments or an inability to understand printed instructions to access label information in much the same way as the rest of the population.

When a patient first receives a new prescription, they will read the full label text. With a Talking Medication Bottle, the patient presses a button and hears the label information.

After the first few uses, the patient's primary interest is in the name of the medication, and perhaps the purpose for taking it. By thoughtfully arranging the order that label elements are recorded, you can not only make the Talking Medication Bottle more "user friendly," but also maximize battery life by minimizing the length of each message playback.

We recommend that messages be recorded in the following order:

- 1.) Prescription or OTC Medication Name**
- 2.) Purpose**
- 3.) Name of Patient**
- 4.) Dose Amount**
- 5.) Frequency**
- 6.) Directions**
- 7.) Possible Side Effects**
- 8.) Prescription Refill Information**
- 9.) Dispensing Pharmacy Information**

So, a finished recording script might go something like this:

*Motrin 400 mg tablets. For arthritis pain. Patient Jane Smith. Take 2 tablets, 3 times daily. Take with food or milk. May cause drowsiness. Do not operate machinery or motor vehicle while taking this medication. Rx #123456. May refill 2 times before 11/22/03. Questions? Call ABC Pharmacy at 555-555-0000.*

A printed "fill in the blanks" suggested script is available at:  
<http://talkingbottle.com/script/script.pdf>