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Design Guidelines for Controlled Substance Symbols

Symbol size

Symbol should be 100–120% the height of the capital letters in Established Name or Dosage Form.

Symbol size must be large enough to easily identify the product's controlled substance designation.

Placement

Principal display panel. Positioned right of, and on the same baseline as Established Name.

The horizontal space between Established Name and Symbol should be twice the width of Symbol.

If space constraints: Space between Established Name and Symbol can be reduced to the width of Symbol.

Margins

Margins from all edges of label must be a minimum of 1/16" (1.5 mm; 4.5 points).

Color

Light background color: Black.

Dark background color: Reverse to white.

Reference

21 CFR Section 1302.03. Symbol required; exceptions.

21 CFR Section 1302.04. Location and size of symbol on label and labeling.