

The Pregnancy and Lactation Labeling Rule (PLLR)

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Overview

- Introduction-Pregnancy and Medication Use
- History of Pregnancy Labeling
- Overview of PLLR Labeling Changes
- PLLR Summary and Resources
- Discussion/Q&A





Introduction-Pregnancy and Medication Use

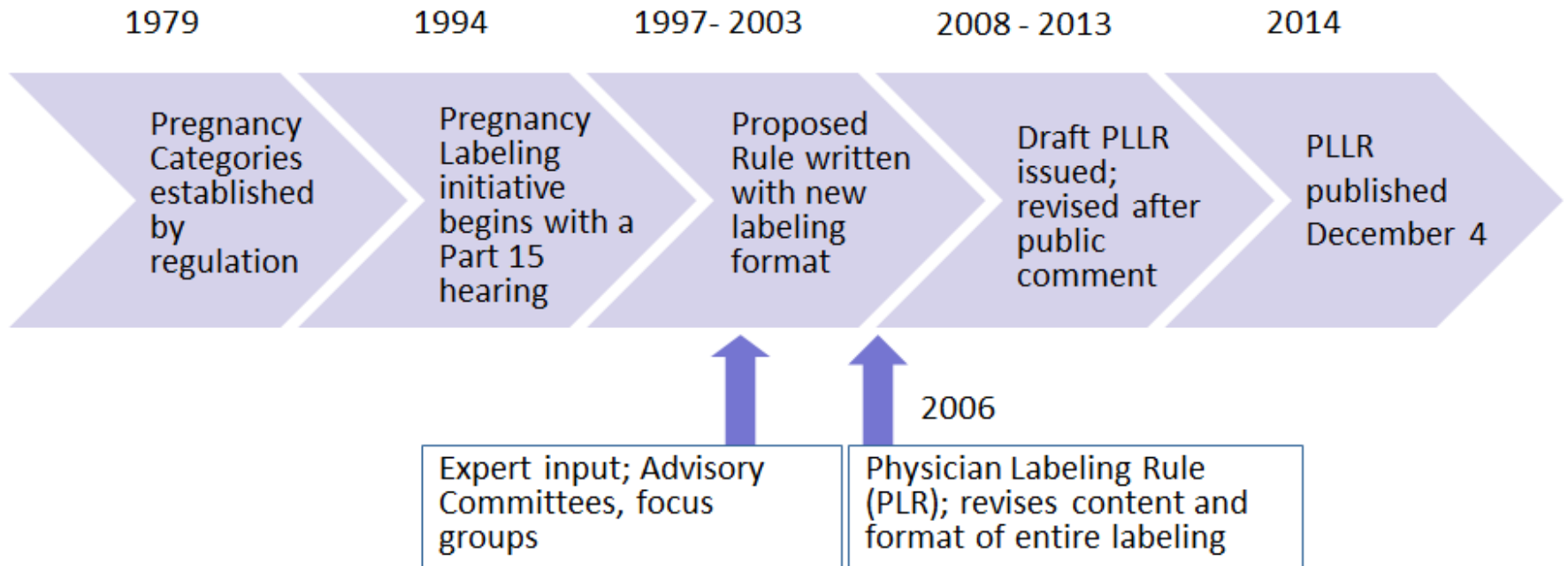
- Estimated six million pregnancies in US every year
- 50% of pregnant women reported taking at least one medication
- Pregnant women take an average of 2.6 medications at any time during pregnancy
- First trimester use of prescription medications has increased by more than 60%
- Use of 4 or more medications in the first trimester has tripled

Ventura SJ, Curtin SC, Abma JC, Henshaw SK. Estimated pregnancy rates and outcomes for the United States 1990-2008. National vital statistics report; vol 60 no 7. 2012.

Mitchell AA, Gilboa SM, Werler MM, et al., Medication use during pregnancy, with particular focus on prescription drugs: 1976-2008. Am J Obstet Gynecol. 2011;205(1):51.e1-8.

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PLLR: Historical Overview



Why PLLR

- Pregnancy categories (A, B, C, D, and X) were often confusing and did not accurately or consistently communicate differences in degrees of fetal risk

Intent of PLLR

- Provide the prescriber with relevant information for critical decision-making when treating pregnant or lactating women
- More complete assessment of the known risks based on the available data
- Considerations of medical/disease factors

PLLR Implementation

- Effective date **June 30, 2015**
- PLLR implementation is a gradual process that will occur 3 to 5 years from the effective date
- **ALL** prescription drug labeling will be required to remove pregnancy letter categories
- Prescription drugs approved on or after June 30, 2001 have additional content and formatting requirements
- Reorganizes information in prescription drug labeling to more clearly describe available data to aid decisions and counseling of patients using prescription drugs

Overview of PLLR Labeling Changes

Prescription Drug Labeling Sections 8.1 - 8.3 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

OLD LABELING

8.1 Pregnancy

8.2 Labor and Delivery

8.3 Nursing Mothers

NEW LABELING

(effective June 30, 2015)

8.1 Pregnancy
includes Labor and Delivery

8.2 Lactation
includes Nursing Mothers

NEW
8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

PLLR – Changes to Labeling

8. USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS



*Required

See [draft guidance: Pregnancy, Lactation, and Reproductive Potential: Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products – Content and Format.](#)

8.1 Pregnancy-Pregnancy Exposure Registry

- Pregnancy Exposure Registry
 - “There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to TRADENAME during pregnancy.”
- Includes specific contact information
 - Phone
 - Website



8.1 Pregnancy- Risk Summary*

- Drugs without systemic absorption
 - “[TRADENAME] is not absorbed systemically following (route of administration) and maternal use is not expected to result in fetal exposure to the drug.”
- Drugs with systemic absorption
 - When use of a drug is contraindicated during pregnancy, that information must be stated first in the Risk Summary
 - Risk statement based on human data*
 - Risk statement based on animal data*
 - Risk statement based on pharmacology
 - Background risk information in general population*
 - Background risk information in disease population

*Required

8.1 Pregnancy- Clinical Considerations

- Clinical Considerations (five optional subheadings)
 - Disease-Associated Maternal and/or Embryo/Fetal Risk
 - Dose Adjustments During Pregnancy and the Post-Partum Period
 - Maternal Adverse Reactions
 - Fetal/Neonatal Adverse Reactions
 - Labor or Delivery

8.1 Pregnancy- Data

- Data
 - Detailed description of the data that provide the scientific basis for the summary information presented in the Risk Summary and Clinical Considerations headings
 - Human Data
 - Animal Data

8.2 Lactation- Risk Summary*

- Drugs without systemic absorption

“[TRADENAME] is not absorbed systemically by the mother following (route of administration) and breastfeeding is not expected to result in exposure of the infant to [drugname].”

- Drugs with systemic absorption
 - Presence of drug in human milk*
 - Concentration in milk
 - Actual or estimated infant daily dose
 - Effects of drug on the breastfed infant*
 - Effects of drug on milk production*
 - Risk and benefit statement

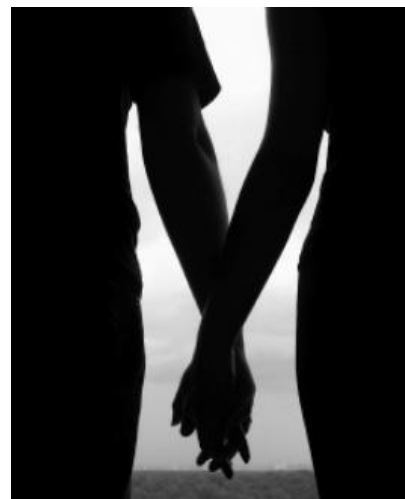
*Required

8.2 Lactation- Clinical Considerations and Data

- Clinical Considerations
 - Minimizing exposure to the breastfed infant
 - Monitoring the breastfed infant for Adverse Reactions
- Data - Include only when information are available
 - Description of clinical lactation study/data
 - Description of animal lactation study (only if there are no human data)

8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

- Include when there are requirements or recommendations for pregnancy testing and/or contraception and/or when human and/or animal data suggest drug effects on fertility (three optional headings)
 - Pregnancy Testing
 - Contraception
 - Infertility



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PLLR Resources

- Webpage for PLLR
<https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/Labeling/ucm093307.htm>
- Draft Guidance for Industry: *Pregnancy, Lactation, and Reproductive Potential: Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products — Content and Format*
<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/drugs/guidancecomplianceregulatoryinformation/guidances/ucm425398.pdf>
- Pregnancy and Lactation Labeling Final Rule
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2014/12/04/2014-28241/content-and-format-of-labeling-for-human-prescription-drug-and-biological-products-requirements-for>

PLLR Resources

- PLR Requirements for Prescribing Information
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/LawsActsandRules/ucm084159.htm>

For Current labeling:

- Drugs @FDA
<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm>
- Daily Med (National Library of Medicine)
<http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/about.cfm>

Conclusion

- The PLLR provides a more structured approach to labeling
- The intent of PLLR is to provide **clearer communication of available data** to aid in complex risk/benefit discussions between prescribers and their patients

FEEDBACK/DISCUSSION

Questions?
Comments?

