

Prescription Drugs

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This was mentioned previously, but a reminder that Perrigo Company will be labeling more than 200 of its over-the-counter drugs gluten free. (Based on the standard of less than 20 parts per million). This will be a tremendous help to us when shopping for cold medications, pain relievers, antacids, allergy medications, dietary supplements. (Although be aware that Perrigo supplies retailers as store brands – so you may not see the “Perrigo” name – you would see the store brand name on the package). You can check this out at www.perrigo.com. While you are on that site, let them know how much you appreciate this step by them. Perrigo is the first one in the U.S to test and label the “gluten-free”.

There has been some news recently regarding drug trials for celiac disease and gluten intolerance. There are two types of drugs being looked at – one is oral enzymes and the other is like immuno-therapy. But Nancy emphasized that we won’t see any results soon – these will take quite a while.

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There was an article in the Grand Rapids Press a while back regarding the drug manufacturer, Perrigo. They “will be the first manufacturer in the United States to label more than 200 of its over-the-counter drugs gluten free”, according to the article. They are basing the gluten-free designation at what is anticipated to be the legal standard, once that is settled - - at less than 20 parts per million. Perrigo is a Michigan company, located in Allegan. Their website is www.perrigo.com.

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There is a website you can go to if you’d like to check the gluten-free status of drugs:
www.glutenfreedrugs.com.