Legibility of prescription medication labelling

I continue to appreciate the updated look of the *CPJ* and the consistent high quality and applicability of the articles. The Original Research contribution¹ on the legibility of prescription medication labelling in Canada came at a convenient time for me. I had recently contacted our software vendor to change the fact that the words in the instructions on our prescription labels print out as upper case. This software vendor will not charge the client for upgrades when it is shown that a national or provincial standard exists, and thus you have strengthened my case that we should not have to pay for the programming time to implement this change. The list of references in this article was extensive, current and convincing. I found the guidelines on the Macular Society of the UK website a succinct summary

on writing for visually impaired patients (www.macularsociety.org/How-we-help/Eye-care-professionals/Innovation-and-good-practice/Writing-for-visually-impaired-people). I know there are also guidelines regarding accessibility of website pages for the visually impaired, and these should be considered for pharmacies maintaining a website.

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