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Labeling changes which give warning of side effects, serious injury and even life threatening allergic reactions needs to be identified as an ingredient in both food and drugs. It is not enough to read artificial color, especially if the color being withheld can be life threatening .

Red dye, carmine, which can trigger allergic reactions, asthma , hives even anaphylaxis are uncommon, however deadly for those of us who have this allergy.  
This dye is used in foods, I can do without these foods but not without medications. When medications have dyes listed in fine print its puts me at risk. The use of dyes also deprives me of medications that could save my life. These medications should be made available in other forms, eliminating dyes.

Before I entered a hospital for a total left knee surgery, January 16 , 2001, I gave a list of my allergic medications to the hospital, surgeon & Primary Care Doctor .  
When admitted a wrist band identified these allergies ,within 24 hrs. I was given Oxycodone which has red & yellow dye. What more could I have done or should I be asking what more should you be doing to help protect me.

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