



Questions to ask your Doctor about your medication

1. When you see the doctor for the first time what should you ask them about the medication they are giving you?
2. What is the name of the medication, and what is it supposed to do?
3. How long before you expect to see results?
4. What kind of track record in terms of effectiveness does this medication have?
5. What are the primary short-term side effects of this medication?
6. Does this medication have any long-term side effects that I should be aware of, such as diabetes, sexual side effects, or weight gain?
7. Are there ways to minimize these side effects?
8. How and when do I take it, and when do I stop taking it?
9. What foods, drinks, or other medications should I avoid while taking the prescribed medication?
10. Should it be taken with food or on an empty stomach?
11. Is it safe to drink alcohol while on this medication?
12. How do you monitor this medication? Are there specific tests you run to help monitor this medication?
13. What are you prescribing this particular medication over a similar medication?
14. How will we know when it's time to stop taking this medication, or if the dose will need to be changed?
15. Is it safe for me to continue taking aspirin, Advil, vitamin and/or herbal supplements when taking this medication? Is there something specific I should avoid?
16. Is a generic version of this medication available?
17. What should I do if I miss a dose of this medication? Take it immediately when I remember, or wait until my next regularly scheduled dose?