



CHECKLIST
OF QUESTIONS

To ask your doctor about your medication

1. What is the name of the medicine?
2. Why am I taking this medicine?
3. What is the name of the condition this medicine will treat?
4. How long will it take to work?
5. How should I store the medicine? Should I keep it in my refrigerator?
6. Can I get a cheaper, generic form of the medicine?
7. Will the medicine clash with other medicines I take?
8. When and how often should I take the medicine?
9. Should I take it with food or on an empty stomach?
10. Is there anything in the medication that can cause an allergic reaction?
11. Do I take medicine before, with, or between meals?
12. How long will I have to take it?
13. What do you expect the medication to do?
14. Should I avoid any particular foods or beverages ?
15. What are the common side effects? Is there a way to reduce the risk?
16. What should I do if I notice side effects? Will I need emergency treatment?
17. Do I have any other options besides taking this medication?
18. What will happen if I don't take it?
19. What if I miss a dose?
20. What if I take too much?
21. Do I need to finish the whole bottle?
22. Do you have any free samples of this medication?
23. Where can I get more information about this medication?
24. How will I feel once I start taking this medicine?
25. How will I know if this medicine is working?
26. Are there other medicines /activities to avoid when taking this med?
27. Will this medicine change how my other medicines work? (Ask about both prescription and over-the-counter medicines.)
28. Will this medicine change how my herbal / dietary supplements work?
29. Can I drink alcohol when taking this medicine? How much?
30. Is it OK to eat or drink food before or after I take the medicine?
31. What should I do if I feel I want to stop taking this medicine? Is it safe to just stop?