
Questions you might ask about your medication



- What is this medication for and how will it help me?
- Why do I need to have this medication?
- What is the dose or amount that I must have?
- When do I take/use the medication and for how long?
- How soon do I need to start this medication?
- How soon will it start to work?
- How should I take this medication? Empty stomach, with food or water?
- What should I do if I forget and miss a dose?
- How should this medication be stored?
- Can I take this medication myself or will it be given to me?
- Can I have this medication given to me in my own home or do I need to come in to the hospital?
- Will this medication affect other medications/supplements and vitamins I am taking?
- Do I need to check before starting any other medications or supplements such as pain relievers or cold and flu tablets?
- Is smoking, alcohol or other drug use an issue for me while I am having this medication?
- Can I get this medication at a local pharmacy?
- What will it cost?
- Is there a cheaper, generic brand that I can take?
- When can I stop taking this medication?
- Will it affect my ability to drive or work?
- What reactions/side effects should I look out for?
- What do I need to do if I should have such a reaction/side effect?
- Are there any side effects that might affect me at a later date?
- Do you have written information on this medication?