



Your pharmacist can tell you a lot about your medicines—all you have to do is ask! Here are some questions to help get the conversation started:

FOR NEW MEDICATIONS, ask your pharmacist . . .

- What is the name of the medicine and what is it supposed to do?
- How much of this medicine should I take?
- When is the best time of day to take this medicine?
- Should I take this medicine with or without food?
- Are there foods or drinks that I should avoid while I am taking this medicine?
- What side effects can I expect from this medicine?
- Will this medicine interfere with any of my other medicines?
- Will this medicine make any of my conditions worse?
- What things should my doctor and I do to make sure this medicine is working properly?
- How should I store this medicine?
- What should I do if I miss a dose?
- Will I need to get this medicine refilled?
- Are there refills on the prescription?
- Are there any over-the-counter (non-prescription) medicines I should avoid while taking this medicine?



FOR EXISTING MEDICATIONS

- Tell your pharmacist if you are having any problems or side effects with your current medicines.
- Before taking an over-the-counter (non-prescription) medication or herbal therapy, ask your pharmacist about any possible drug interactions or side effects.
- Tell your pharmacist if you do not think the medicine is doing what it is supposed to.

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