



Don't be afraid to ask your healthcare provider (HCP) or pharmacist questions. If you are ever unsure about something you've been prescribed, ask! Here are some questions you may want to ask when you've been prescribed a new medicine:

- How will this new medicine help you?
- Are there other names for this medicine? For example, does it have a brand or generic name?
- Is there any written information about the medicine?
- Can you take this medicine if you have an allergy? Remind your HCP and pharmacist about your allergies and any reactions you have had to medicines.
- Is it safe to take this medicine with your other medicines? Is it safe to take it with your vitamins, herbs and supplements?
- Are there any side effects of the medicine (for example, upset stomach) and is there anything I can do about them? Who can you call if you have side effects or a bad reaction? Can they be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week?
- Are there specific instructions for your medicines? For example, are there any foods or drinks you should avoid while taking it?
- Can you stop taking the medicine as soon as you feel better? Or do you need to take it until it's gone?
- Do you need to swallow the medicine whole? Can you cut or crush it if you need to?
- Is it safe to drink alcohol with the medicine?

