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Questions to ask your doctor about your medication

This is a list of questions to help you ask your doctor about your prescribed medication. It is important for you to understand why you have been prescribed your medication and how you should take it.

What is the name of this medication? _____

What category of medicine is this? _____

What should I expect it to do? _____

How long will it take to achieve that result? _____

For how long will I have to take it? _____

What short-term side effects does it have? _____

What side effects should I let you know about? _____

What symptoms will indicate that the dosage should be changed or the medication stopped? _____

Does it have any long-term side effects? _____

Is this medication addictive? _____

How important is it that I take the correct dosage regularly? _____

What may happen if I forget to take my medication? _____

If I miss taking a dose, what should I do? _____

Can I drive and operate machinery while taking it? _____

Can I drink alcohol while taking it? _____

Must I follow any dietary restrictions? _____

Will it react with any other prescription medications? _____

Will it react with any over-the-counter medications (e.g. painkillers, cough mixture)? _____

Is it safe to take while pregnant or breastfeeding? _____

Will I be monitored while I'm taking it? _____

How often will I need tests while I'm on it? _____

When will my treatment be reviewed? _____

Will it be difficult to withdraw from this medication? _____

Do you have any printed information on it, or know where I can get this information? _____

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