

Taking a new medicine?

Getting a new prescription may leave you confused. So be sure to ask these 5 questions **before** you exit your doctor's office.

1 What's my medicine called?

Ask for the generic name and the brand name. Is it on your plan's formulary (drug list)? Are there any special requirements, like prior authorization? Check to be sure.

2 Why do I need this medicine?

Ask what it's for and what it does.

3 What's the dose?

Ask how and when you should take it and what happens if you miss a dose.

4 Are there any side effects?

Ask, too, if you can take it with vitamins or other medicines.

5 When can I stop taking it?

Ask if you can stop taking it when you start to feel better.
