

Questions to Ask the Doctor About Medication

generic name _____

product name _____

product category _____ suggested dosage level _____

How does this medication work? _____

What do you expect it to do?

How long will it take to achieve that result?

What are the risks associated with taking this medication?

What kind of an effectiveness track record does this medication have?

What short term side effects does this medication have?

What long term side effects does this medication have?

Is there any way to minimize the chances of experiencing these side effects?

If so, what are they?

Are there any dietary or lifestyle suggestions or restrictions when using this medication?

Why do you recommend this particular medication?

Have you had other patients that have used it? _____

If so, how have they done?

How is this medication monitored?

What tests will I need prior to taking this medication?

How often will I need these tests while taking the medication?

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

Where can I get more information about this medication?

Ask the physician and/or pharmacist if they have any printed information on this medication you can have to study.