

What you should know about ... *your* PRESCRIPTION medication

Before leaving the pharmacy, be sure you know the answers to the following questions:

- Why am I taking this medicine?
- Can this medicine be used safely with the other medicines and treatments I already use?
- When should I take it, in what amount, for how long?
- Do I take it on an empty stomach or with food?
- Are there any special directions for using this medication?
- How will I know if this medicine is working?
- Will I need any tests (e.g. blood tests, x-rays) to make sure the medication is working as it is supposed to?
- What side effects could I experience?
- What should I do if I miss a dose?
- What should I do if I use too much by mistake?
- Should I avoid any drinks, foods, other substances or activities while using this medicine?
- Can I drink alcohol while taking this?
- Will this medicine make me drowsy?
- If I am pregnant or breastfeeding, can I take this medicine?
- Does the medication need to be refrigerated?
- Can I get my medicine in a container that is easier to open?
- Is there another form of this medication that would be easier to swallow?
- Is there any chance that I could become dependent or addicted to this medicine? What can I do to avoid this?



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