

## Questions to ask before you take your medicine:

1. Why am I taking this medicine? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are the brand name and generic\* name of this medicine? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Can I take a generic version of this medicine? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Does this new prescription mean I should stop taking other medicines? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How much of the medicine should I take and how often do I take it? If I need to take it three times a day, does that mean at breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or every 8 hours? Do I need to wake up in the middle of the night to take it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*\*Learn more about generic medicine. See page 14.*

6. Do I need to take it all or should I stop when I feel better? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How long will I take it? Can I get a refill? How often can I get a refill? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How should I store my medication? Do I need to keep it in the refrigerator? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Are there any tests I need while I'm on this medicine? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. When should the medicine start working? How can I tell if it's working? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Are there foods, drinks (including alcohol), other medicines, or activities to avoid while I'm taking this medicine? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. What are the side effects? When should I tell the doctor about a problem or side effect?

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13. What should I do if I have a side effect?

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14. What happens if I miss a dose? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. What printed information can you give me about this medicine? \_\_\_\_\_

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