

Medications: Questions to ask your Physician or Pharmacist

- Brand names and generic names of each of your medications?
- Why are you taking the medication, how long before it starts to work?
- How much medication to take, when to take it and for how long?
- Foods, beverages, and other medications or activities to avoid?
- Side effects and what to do if they occur?
- Is there a generic or alternative brand of medicine?
- Will the new medication work safely with other prescriptions? Over the counter medications?
Herbal supplements and vitamins you are currently taking?
- How to properly store the medications?
- What to do if you forget to take your medication?