

ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BEFORE TAKING NEW MEDICATIONS:

- What are the brand and generic names of the medicines?
- What is the medicine supposed to do?
- How should I use the medicine?
 - » By mouth?
 - » In my eye or ear?
 - » On the skin?
 - » By injection?
 - » Other?
- How much?
 - » How often and at what time(s) of the day?
 - » For how long?
 - » With meals or without food?
- What should I do if I miss a dose?
- When will the medicine begin to work?
- How will I know if the medicine is working and what should I do if it doesn't seem to be working?
- What tests, if any, will be needed once I start taking this medicine?
- What side effects should I watch out for?
 - » How long will they last?
 - » What should I do if they occur?
 - » How can I lessen the side effects?
- What should I avoid while using this medicine?
 - » Driving and operating machinery?
 - » Drinking alcohol?
 - » Eating certain foods?
 - » Taking certain medicines (prescription, over-the-counter, dietary supplements?)
 - » Other precautions?

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- How should I store this medicine?
 - » At room temperature?
 - » In the fridge?
 - » Away from sunlight and/or humidity?
 - » Can I store it in another container?
- Can I get a refill? If so, when?
- Are there any special instructions about how to use this medicine?