

## 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?

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How long will it take to achieve that result?

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What are the risks associated with taking this medication?

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

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What short term side effects does this medication have?

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What long term side effects does this medication have?

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

If so, what are they?

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

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Why do you recommend this particular medication?

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Have you had other patients that have used it? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how have they done?

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How is this medication monitored?

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What tests will I need prior to taking this medication?

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

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

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Where can I get more information about this medication?

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