

Questions to Ask

Sometimes getting the medication you and your doctor agreed was right for you is as simple as asking the right questions. Here are a few questions you can ask at different points during the prescription process.

Questions to ask your doctor

Here are questions you may want to ask your doctor and other healthcare professionals:

- What are my treatment options and why are you recommending this one? If it's a medication, what are the side effects?
- If this medication doesn't work, do I have other options?
- Is this a generic drug or the least expensive treatment? If not, why are you prescribing it over a generic or less expensive medicine?
- Are there assistance programs available if I have trouble paying for my prescription? Where can I find more information?
- Will my health plan need to approve this prescription before I can get it?
- Will you be notified if the pharmacy is giving me a different medication than the one you prescribed? Will someone from your office notify me if I'm not getting the medication you prescribed?