

Questions to Ask: Your Child's or Youth's Medication

Below are questions you should ask about every medication taken or prescribed for your child or youth.

Question	Notes
What is the name of the medication?	
Is it called by any other name(s)?	
What is it used for?	
Is it used for anything other than what it is being used for in my child or youth?	
Are there other medications you could use instead?	
Why did you recommend this medication?	
What side effects can be expected?	
Are there side effects that can affect my child's or youth's school performance?	
What side effects should I call about immediately, and what side effects can wait until your office is open?	
Are there other medications or foods my child or youth should avoid while taking this medication?	
Are there any activities my child or youth should avoid while taking this medication?	
How long (days? weeks?) do you feel my child or youth may need this medication?	

How will we know if the medication is working?	
How long (days? weeks?) might that take before the medication starts to work?	
Will any tests or other blood work be done while using this medication?	
How often and where would these tests be done?	
When and how should I give the medication?	
What happens if we miss a dose?	
Can my child or youth become addicted to this medication?	
Do you have any written information on this drug?	
What is the cost of the medication?	
Is there a less expensive, generic version of this medication?	
Does the generic work as well as the brand name version of this medication?	
How will this be written into my child's or youth's treatment plan and shared with others on the care team, including those at school?	
Other Questions or Notes:	

