



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.

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| 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? | |

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| 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: | |

