

Bring these questions with you to your next visit.

WRITE YOUR QUESTIONS DOWN *BEFORE* YOU GO INTO THE OFFICE.

List the top 5 questions or concerns you would like to discuss.

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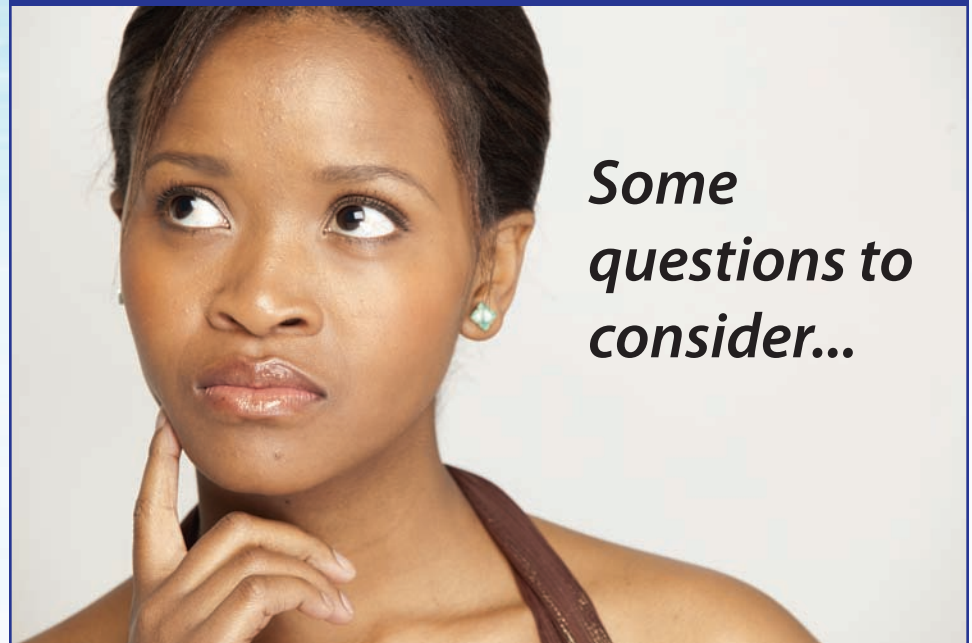
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Are You Ready to Ask Your Healthcare Provider about Your Diagnosis?



Some questions to consider...



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Your diagnosis

What is my diagnosis?

Retell your provider so they know you understand.

How will I treat the condition?

Make sure you understand how the treatment will help you and if there is anything that could be risky.

What caused my condition?

Learn as much as you can about your diagnosis.

Is my condition permanent or will it go away when it is treated?

It is important to understand how your diagnosis will affect your life.

Before you get a prescription

Make sure your doctor knows:

- Your past medical history
- Other medicine or vitamins you take
- If you plan to get pregnant
- How medicine or food has affected you in the past
- If you have diabetes, kidney, liver or heart disease
- If you are on a special diet
- If you smoke or drink alcohol

Medication Questions

What is the name of the medicine?

A _____

How will this medicine help me?

A _____

How will I know if the medicine is working?

A _____

How long will I have to take the medicine?

A _____

Can I take this medicine if I get pregnant?

A _____

Are there any foods, drinks, or medicines I should stop using while I take this medicine?

A _____

What are the side effects?

A _____

What should I do if I miss a dose?

A _____

Will this medicine affect my sleep, ability to drive, sex life, or desire to eat?

A _____

Will the side effects change as I keep taking the medicine?

A _____