

## Questions to Ask about Medications

- What is the name of the medication you prescribed for me? (Ask for both brand and generic names.)
- Does it matter whether I take the brand-name or generic version of this medication?
- What is the dosage and how many times a day do I need to take it?
- How long will I be on the medication?
- Why am I taking this medication?
- Do I need to take this medication with or without food or at any particular time of day?
- Are there any side effects to this medication?
- How long do you want me to take this medication?
- Can this medication interact with any of my other medications?