

Questions to ask the doctor about treatment

A treatment plan for someone with a mood disorder may have several parts. But an important part is medicine. Ask the person you care for if they would like you to come along on doctor visits. And when you are there, be sure to discuss the answers to these questions with the doctor:

1. What medicines have been prescribed? And what is the dose of each of these medicines?

Medicine	Dose	Times per day	Reason prescribed

2. What's the best way to take these medicines? When should they be taken?

3. What side effects might occur?

4. Do we have enough medicine to last until the next doctor visit? What should we do if we run out?

5. What should we do if the person I care for forgets to take their medicine?

6. How will these medicines be paid for?

7. When and where is the next doctor appointment?

8. Whom should we call if we have questions or problems before the next doctor appointment?

9. Whom should we call in the case of symptoms or side effects?

10. What should we do in the case of an emergency?
