

QUESTIONS ABOUT NEW MEDICATIONS

Ask the Doctor

- ✓ Why do I need to take this medication? What does it do?
- ✓ Will it interact with my other medications? Ask for Medication Reconciliation.
- ✓ When do I take it? How much? For how long?
- ✓ How will it make me feel? How will I know if it is working?
- ✓ What are my choices? Is there a Generic option? Do you have samples?

Ask the Pharmacist

If you still have questions after reading the printed information provided with the medication ask for a counseling session.

- ✓ Are there any special instructions (i.e., can it be crushed)?
- ✓ Should I avoid any food, alcohol or activities when taking the medication?
- ✓ What should I do if I forget to take the medication?
- ✓ What are possible side effects? And what should I do if I have one?

QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Ask the Doctor

- ✓ What will it tell you?
- ✓ How does it work? What is involved?
- ✓ Are there any dangers or side effects?
- ✓ How do I need to prepare?
- ✓ Will you schedule it for me and get it approved by my insurance provider?
- ✓ When will I learn the results?