

Changing Medications?

Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Professional

Instructions for taking

- *How much medication should be taken? How often? For how long?*
- *How long does it take the medication to start working?*
- *If the pain does not get better, should more medication be taken? How much more?*

Taking the medication

- *What happens if the medication is not taken on time?*
- *Should this medication be taken with food, or with something to drink?*
- *Is there any food, such as grapefruit, or other things to avoid while taking this medication?*
- *Is it safe to drink alcoholic beverages, drive, or operate machinery after taking pain medication*

Side effects

- *Are there possible side effects from the medication?*
- *What should be done if the side effects appear?*
- *Can side effects be prevented?*
- *Will this new prescription work safely with other medications?*