

- When should I notice a difference or improvement? When should I report back to the doctor? Will I need to have any testing to monitor this drug's effects?
- What are the possible side effects? What do I do if a side effect occurs?
- What other medicines or therapies could be used to treat this condition? How do the risks and the benefits compare?
- How and where do I store this medicine? Where and how can I get written information about this medicine? What other sources of information can I use to make my decision?

For more information visit: www.fda.gov/cder
or call 1-888-INFO-FDA.

Speak-up – Let your doctor and pharmacist know your complete medical history and any allergies or sensitivities you may have.

Ask questions – Use our suggested question guide.

Find the facts – Learn as much about your medication as you can. Use your pharmacy, the manufacturer, the library, the bookstore or the Internet.

Evaluate the benefits and risks – with help from the members of your health care team.

Read the label.

Put emergency contact or family physician's number here: _____



THE FINAL CHOICE IS YOURS!

You can use this question guide to gather the information you need to know from your health care team.

- What are the brand and generic names of the medicine? Can I use the generic form?
- What is the medicine for and what effect should I expect? Does this drug replace any other medicine I have been using?
- How and when will I use it, what amount will I use and for how long? What do I do if I miss a dose?
- Should I avoid any other medications (prescription or over-the-counter), dietary supplements, drinks, foods or activities while using this drug? Could there be interactions?