

PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS: WHAT TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

- Why do I need this medication—is it right for me?
- Are there non-opioid or non-pharmaceutical alternatives to treat my pain?
- How long should I take this medication?
- When and how should I stop?
- How can I reduce the risk of potential side effects from this medication?
- What if I have a history (or family history) of addiction with tobacco, alcohol, or drugs?
- Can I take more than prescribed if needed?
- Could this drug interact with my other medications?
- Can I drink alcohol with this medication?
- What if I'm already prescribed pain medication by another doctor?
- Can I share this medication with someone else? Can I just take my spouse's medication?
- How should I store my medication to prevent other people from taking it?
- What should I do with unused opioid medicine?