Prescribed an opioid? Start a conversation.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

1. Is an opioid prescription right for me?
2. How long should I take it?
3. Could it interact with my other medications?
4. What should I do with unused opioids?
5. What if I still feel pain?
6. What if I experience side effects?

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Acetaminophen and ibuprofen and non-drug alternatives may be more effective for pain relief than opioids.
- It may be best to start with the lowest dose and smallest quantity of pain medication. Then, follow up with your doctor on how well it’s working for you.
- Medications that treat anxiety, sleeping issues or seizures could interact with opioids.
- A drug take-back program near you may be available.
- Call your doctor immediately if you experience excessive sleeping or crave more medication. These may be serious side effects.