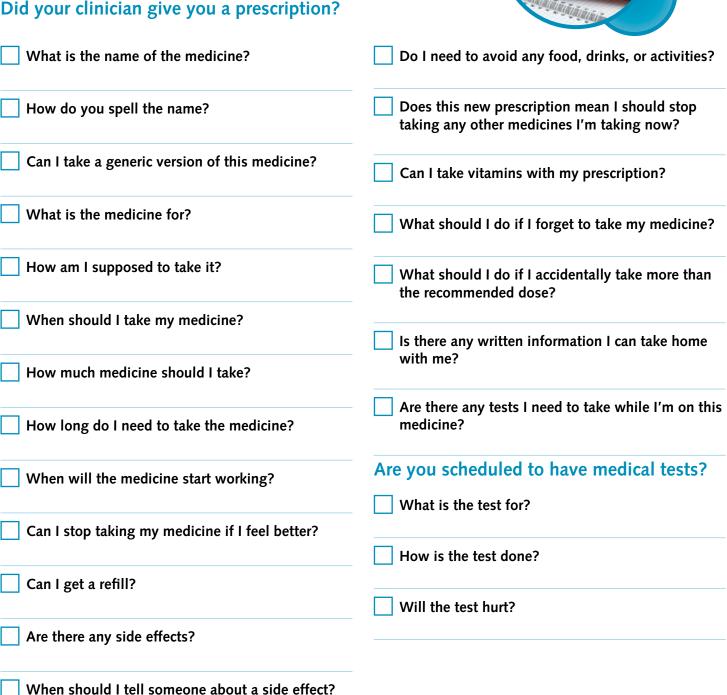
## Be Prepared for Medical Appointments

## **Build Your Question List**









Are you scheduled to have medical tests? (cont'd)	
Are there any side effects?	Will I need special help at home for my condition?
How accurate is the test?	Is there any treatment?
Is this test the only way to find out that information?	What are my treatment options?
What are the benefits and risks of having this test?	How soon do I need to make a decision about treatment?
What do I need to do to prepare for the test?	What are the benefits and risks associated with my treatment options?
How many times have you performed the test?	Is there a clinical trial (research study) that is
When will I get the results?	right for me?
What will the results tell me?	Will I need any additional tests?
What's the next step after the test?	What organizations and resources do you recommend for support and information?
Did you recently receive a diagnosis?	Are you considering treatment for an illness or condition?
What is my diagnosis?	What are my treatment options?
What is the technical name of my disease or condition, and what does it mean in plain English?	What do you recommend?
What is my prognosis (outlook for the future)?	Is the treatment painful?
What changes will I need to make?	How can the pain be controlled?
Is there a chance that someone else in my family might get the same condition?	What are the benefits and risks of this treatment?

How much does this treatment cost?	How successful is this surgery?
Will my health insurance cover the treatment?	Which hospital is best for this surgery?
What are the expected results?	Will the surgery hurt?
When will I see results from the treatment?	Will I need anesthesia?
What are the chances the treatment will work?	How long will the surgery take?
Are there any side effects?	How long will it take me to recover?
What can be done about them?	How long will I be in the hospital?
How soon do I need to make a decision about treatment?	What will happen after the surgery?
What happens if I choose to have no treatment at all?	How much will the surgery cost?
	Will my health insurance cover the surgery?
Did your clinician recently	
recommend surgery?	Is there some other way to treat my condition?
Why do I need surgery?	What will happen if I wait or don't have this surgery?
What kind of surgery do I need?	Where can I get a second opinion?
What will you be doing?	
What are the benefits and risks of having this surgery?	
Have you done this surgery before?	health cave quality

Are you choosing a health plan?	
What are my options?	Does the hospital meet national quality standards?
Does this health plan provide the benefits and services I need?	How does the hospital compare with others in my area?
Does this health plan offer the clinicians and hospitals I want?	Has the hospital had success with treating my condition?
Can I afford this health plan?	
Are you choosing a clinician?	Does my clinician have privileges (is allowed to work) at this hospital?
Is this clinician part of my health plan?	How well does the hospital check and improve on its own quality of care?
Does this clinician have the background and training I need?	Are you you choosing long-term care?
Is this clinician able to work at the hospital I like?	What kind of services do I need?
Can I talk to this clinician and ask questions easily?	What are my care options?
Does this clinician listen to me?	Will my health insurance cover long-term care?
Does this clinician wash his or her hands between examining each patient?	Will this facility meet my needs?
	How is this care facility rated?
Are you choosing a hospital?	
Which hospital has the best care for my condition?	For more information, go to:
Is this hospital covered by my health insurance?	www.ahrq.gov



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