

# Ten questions to ask your pharmacist

- 1 Is there a generic version of the drug my doctor prescribed?
- 2 What will the total cost of this prescription be?
- 3 What does this drug do and how long until it takes effect?
- 4 Is there a more affordable treatment alternative you can recommend to me and my doctor?
- 5 What's the best time of day to take this drug? Do I have to take it regularly?
- 6 What should I do if I miss a dose or stop taking the medication?
- 7 What are the possible risks and side effects of this drug?  
In what case should I contact my doctor immediately?
- 8 Are there any foods, drinks or activities I should avoid while taking this drug?
- 9 Will this drug interact with any over-the-counter drugs, natural products, foods or other medications my doctor has prescribed?
- 10 Is there any reason I should stop taking this drug if I become pregnant or if I'm breastfeeding?