

MEDICATION SAFETY



YOUR SAFETY DEPENDS ON EVERY DOCTOR KNOWING YOUR FULL MEDICATION LIST

WHY IS COORDINATING CARE IMPORTANT?

- A patient may have multiple doctors, and it is important for each doctor to know what medications are being taken
- Always disclose prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, and supplements
- Medications can:
 - Interact with one another
 - Reduce each other's effectiveness
 - Cause harmful side effects when combined

KEEP A CURRENT LIST OF MEDICATIONS, INCLUDING:

- Names
- Dosages
- Frequency (how often you take them)

BEFORE STARTING A NEW MEDICATION, BE SURE TO:

- Ask your doctor if it may interact with any medications you're currently taking
- Ask about potential side effects and what to watch for
- Talk to your pharmacist – they are a valuable resource for medication questions

USE ONLINE TOOLS LIKE THE MEDSCAPE DRUG CHECKER TO:

- Check for interactions between your medications, including prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and supplements
- Get detailed information on potential side effects, warnings, and safety concerns
- Stay informed so you can ask better questions at your doctor or pharmacy visits



ENSURE YOUR MEDICATION LIST IS CURRENT AND ACCURATE

MEDICATION LIST

Drug Name	Dosage	Frequency

Please visit the [Medscape Drug Interaction Checker](#) for more information.