

# KNOW YOUR DRUGS

IT COULD BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

*Adverse drug reactions are a leading cause of death*

## QUESTION YOUR DOCTOR AND PHARMACIST

**Answers to these 12 questions could save your life**

1. How does this drug work, how much improvement can I expect, and how soon?
2. If I don't take this drug now, and instead wait for a while, what will happen?
3. Are there any lifestyle changes (e.g., diet) or non drug treatments that will help?
4. What are the most likely side effects?
5. Are there any rare serious side effects or any permanent problems this drug can cause?
6. If this is a new drug, why can't I take an older drug?
7. Why are you recommending this particular dose?
8. What date will we review my use/dose of this drug?
9. Are there problems stopping the drug or any special considerations on stopping or changing dose that I should watch for?
10. Are there any potential interactions with food, my other medical conditions, or my current medications?
11. Might this drug affect my weight/sleep/hair/skin/nails/mood/sex life and/or relationships, and if so, how?
12. Do I need to stop this drug before I get pregnant?

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