QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR: TALKING ABOUT A HEALTH PROBLEM

My Questions for This Visit:

List the top 3 questions you want to be sure to ask during your appointment.

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Sample Questions:
What is my diagnosis?
Will I need any more tests?
What are my treatment options?
How soon do I need to make a decision about treatment?
How much does this treatment cost?
Are there any side effects?
What happens if I choose to not have treatment?
What is the outlook for my future (prognosis)?
Will I need special help at home?

Sample Questions:
- What is the name of the medicine?
- What is the medicine for?
- Can I take a generic?
- When should I take it?
- How much should I take?
- How long do I need to take the medicine?
- Are there side effects?
- Do I need to avoid any food, drinks, or activities?
- What should I do if I forget to take my medicine?
- What should I do if I accidentally take more than the recommended dose?
- Should I get a refill?
- Should I stop taking any of my other medicines or vitamins?
- Is there written information I can have?

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Sample Questions:

- What is the test for?
- How is the test done?
- How accurate is the test?
- Is this test the only way to find out that information?
- What do I need to do to prepare for the test?
- When will I get the results?
- What will the results tell me?
- What’s the next step after the test?

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**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR: TO TALK ABOUT SURGERY**

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**Sample Questions:**

- Why do I need surgery?
- Is there some other way to treat my condition?
- What kind of surgery do I need?
- Have you done this surgery before?
- Which hospital is best for this surgery?
- Will I need anesthesia?
- How long will it take me to recover?
- How long will I be in the hospital?
- What will happen after the surgery?
- What will happen if I wait or don’t have this surgery?