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Patient Name: Doctor Name:

Patients that are about to start taking any prescription medication have a right to an informed choice. Only then can they weigh the benefits of a prescription drug against potential harms. Those already taking prescription drugs need to be on the lookout for links between any side effects they are experiencing, and to be aware of any potential symptoms as a result of stopping use or changing their dose. Ask your doctor the answers to these questions. They could save your life.

Name of drug:

1. How does this drug work:

3. How much improvement can I expect, and how soon:

3. If I don't take this drug now, and instead wait for a while, what will happen:

4. What are the most likely side effects:

5. Are there any reported rare or serious side effects:

6. Are there any permanent problems this drug can cause:

7. If this is a new drug, why can't I take an older drug:

8. Can I try a lower dose? Yes No, explain :

9. What date will we review my use/dose of this drug:

10. Are there any documented or reported problems occurring as a result of stopping the drug, or any special considerations about stopping or changing dose that I should know about:

11. Are there any potential interactions with food, my other medical conditions, or my current medications No Yes, explain:

12. Might this drug affect my weight, sleep, hair, skin, nails, mood, sex performance or desire, and my social interactions or relationships? No Yes, explain:

13. Do I need to stop this drug before I get pregnant No Yes, explain:

This checklist was developed by the medical team at RxRISK.org, an independent website where patients, doctors, and pharmacists can research prescription drugs and easily report a drug side effect — identifying problems and possible solutions earlier than is currently happening. RxISK.org is owned and operated by Data Based Medicine Americas Ltd. (DBM). DBM's founders have international reputations in early drug-side-effect detection and risk mitigation, pharmacovigilance, and patient-centered care. Although drug side effects are known to be a leading cause of death and disability, less than 5% of serious drug side effects are reported. DBM's mission is to capture this missing data directly from patients through RxISK.org's freedrug side effect reporting tool and use this data to help make medicines safer for all of us. Website: <https://www.rxisk.org/>

What to do if you've been injured by a prescription drug or medical device.

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