

Are you currently taking any prescription or OTC medications?

Yes. OTC.

What was the first thing you did after being prescribed medication?

Ask pharmacist and read label on the way home.

How often do you take them?

Twice a day.

Are they short or long term?

Long term.

How many do you take?

1 pill per day

If taking multiple medications:

Do you research the drug before taking it?

No.

When do you do that research?

After I started to take them.

If yes, how do you conduct the research (online, doctor, friends)?

Google, Wikipedia, Doctor – not family and friends.

What are you looking for when researching (Doses, side effects, studies, alternatives, recalls)?

- Other drugs in the same class
- Possible side effects
- How can it effect me
- Other people using the same drugs

What is the most important factor to you?

Side effects.

What was your experience like researching the medication?

Search Wikipedia is very easy.

Do you research the compatibility/interactivity between medications?

Yes.

If you research and find adverse effects / interactivity, will you still take the medication(s)?

- Depends on the risk – if small then fine
- Rely on the doctor, trusting his knowledge
- Usually will continue using if doctor prescribed it.

At what point do you determine the side effects too severe?

- Potentially life threaten or disability

Do you talk about interactivity between the medications with your doctor?

Yes.

Are you aware of or experience any side effects with the medications?

No.

Besides doctors/family, where else do you look for advice on medications?

Friends.

How do you remind yourself to take the drug(s)?

Just memorize, usually forget.

Does the drug manufacturer behind the medication matter to you?

No. But will check if generic is available.

How do you record what drugs to take when?

I don't record it myself.

If you are on a prescription, and you have to take an OTC medication due to unforeseen circumstances, what do you do to check if it's safe?

Ask my doctor to check if it's safe.

Have you helped a family member with their prescription or OTC medication?

Nope.

What was your experience like?

N/A

Did you have pain points?

N/A