Things you should know about your medications

1. The brand and generic names of the medication.
2. The purpose of the medication.
3. The dose.
4. How often to take it. What to do if you miss a dose.
5. How to take this medication (e.g., with food).
6. Tests needed while taking your medication.
7. Side effects and what to do if they occur.
8. If this is a new prescription, find out if you should stop taking any other medications that you are currently taking.
9. Interactions with other medications including over-the-counter medications and foods.
10. How to store your medications.

The following active ingredients and medications can be found in many prescription and over-the-counter products. Be sure to read all medication labels to avoid taking more of these products than you need:
- acetaminophen
- ibuprofen
- phenylephrine
- dextromethorphan
- pseudoephedrine
- diphenhydramine

If you have a chronic medical condition, taking some over-the-counter medications and herbal supplements increases the likelihood that you will experience harmful side effects. Talk with your doctor before taking over-the-counter medications or herbal products.

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Show this chart to your doctor at each visit and update as needed (use pencil).

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