

# HEALTH TIP SHEET

## MEDICATION



### Taking Your Medication as Prescribed

Your doctor has developed a plan to treat your cancer and help you feel better. The doctor may prescribe one or more medications to help with your cancer treatment.

Whether you receive treatment or medicine in a hospital, clinic, or at home, it is important to follow the tips below to ensure that your treatment is carried out as intended:

- Take your medication exactly as your doctor tells you or prescribes.
- Do not skip a dose.
- Do not run out of your medicine. Call your pharmacy when you notice that you are running low on your medication and need a refill. Call your health care provider if you notice your refills are almost up.
- Never take medicine that is prescribed for someone else, even if it is the same type and dose as yours.
- Do not use leftover or outdated medicine.
- Report any side effects that you may experience right away.
- Talk to your doctor before taking any over-the-counter medicine that was not prescribed or suggested by your doctor.

**If you are receiving chemotherapy, you may be at risk for getting an infection. Take the right steps toward preventing infections during cancer treatment by visiting [www.PreventCancerInfections.org](http://www.PreventCancerInfections.org)**



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