

For Parents and Caregivers: Tips for Behavior Medication

What are these medicines?

A kind of medicine given for behavior needs.

Who gives these kinds of medicines?

A special behavior doctor called a psychiatrist. A child's regular doctor may give medicine for ADHD and depression.

Do these medicines cause side effects?

They can do this sometimes. You should talk to your doctor about this.

What will the first meeting with the doctor be like?

Be ready to listen and answer questions. Tell the doctor as much as you can about the child and family. Be ready to ask questions.

A doctor may ask these questions

- Does the child have any physical health problems?
- Is the child on a behavior medicine?
- Has the child done well with medicine to help these needs?
- Do you know if there is a family history of behavior issues?
- Did the child's mother use drugs while she was pregnant?
- Have you tried other ways to help the problems?
- What else might help besides medicine?

What should the parent or caregiver know about medicine given to their child?

Why the medicine is given. How it will help. What issue it was given for.

What do I do if I feel there is something wrong with my child's medicine?

Call the doctor to talk about this. Set an appointment with the doctor if needed. In an emergency, call 9-1-1.

If I do not like my child's doctor, can I have my child see a different doctor?

Yes.

Will my child always take medicine?

This is a good question to ask your child's doctor.

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