

Questions to ask my doctor about adding Metformin to my treatment plan

Please print this page and discuss the following questions with your doctor.

Questions	Doctor response
<p>Would Metformin be right for me in treating my diabetes? How does it work?</p>	
<p>If it's not right for me, why and what may be more appropriate?</p>	
<p>If starting a new medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is it safe to take with my other medications? Are there any medications I should stop when I start this one? ▪ Are there any side effects I should be aware of? What should I do if I have any of these side effects? ▪ Is it the most cost-effective choice? For example, does it have the least expensive copay? Is a generic form available? ▪ What strength are you recommending? How many times a day do I need to take the medicine? ▪ What should I do if I miss a dose? ▪ Do I need to avoid alcohol or any particular foods while taking this medicine? <p><i>Kidney exams should be periodically performed on people taking metformin due to a relative contraindication for people with chronic or acute renal disease.</i></p>	

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