Tips for Your Doctor's Office Visit

How to be an Active Member of Your Health Care Team

WHAT TO BRING:

- □ A trusted friend or family member, especially if you are stressed or think you might be misunderstood
- □ Your concerns or questions about your health
- □ A list of your medicines (you can bring the bottles or pictures of the labels instead)
 - □ all your prescriptions
 - vitamins
 - any herbs
 - □ over-the-counter medicines, like aspirin or Tylenol
- □ A list of recent treatments (received since your last visit or within the past 2 years)
 - vaccinations
 - surgeries
- □ Names and phone numbers of:
 - your doctors
 - □ other healthcare providers (like a nurse practitioner or physical therapist)
 - your pharmacy

ASK QUESTIONS:

- □ If you are unsure, ask your doctors these 3 questions at your visit:
 - □ What is my main problem?
 - □ What do I need to do?
 - □ Why is it important for me to do this?
- $\hfill\square$ Speak up and ask questions if your doctor is unclear or confusing.

AFTER YOUR VISIT:

- □ When you check out, you will get an "After Visit Summary" listing your next visit and any other information from your doctor.
- □ If you have more questions, you can use *MyChart* to message your health care team, see parts of your medical records, and more. To sign up at: <u>MyChart.urmc.rochester.edu</u>

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