Remembering to Take Your Medication

Following your treatment plan can help you stay healthy and symptom-free. Taking your medications is particularly important. Studies have shown that patients who do not take their medication have a 30-40% greater chance of experiencing a flare of their disease. Here are a few helpful tips that can help you remember to take your medication:

Create A Routine		Keep It Visible				
	Take medication with an activity you do at the same time every day. - Mealtimes - Brushing teeth	•	To avoid "out of sight, out of mind", leave medication in a safe place that is easy to spot. - Kitchen/bathroom counter - Bedroom nightstand			
Set An Alarm		Post A Note				
	An alarm on your <i>cell phone</i> or <i>watch</i> can be helpful, especially you're busier at certain times of the day or the timing is important.		Put a reminder note some place it will be seen every day. - Refrigerator - Bathroom mirror			
Use A Pillbox		Flip Pill Bottle Over				
SMTWTFS	A weekly pillbox with compartments for each day and dosing time can be a visual reminder to take medication and help prevent double doses.	RX	Each time you take your medicine, flip the pill bottle over so you know it has been taken.			
Carry Extra Do	ses	Record Each Dose				
	Leave some extra doses in a bag/purse you use often so you can take your medicine if you're away from home.		Use a calendar or medication journal and check off when you take each dose. This can help you avoid missing doses or taking too many.			
Keep Medicine	With Each Caregiver					
	If you ever stay with different caregivers, keep some medicine at each house.					



Mobile Medication Reminder Apps **Available on Apple and Android devices										
	cvs	Walgreens	MyMedSchedule	MediSafe	Mango Health	MyMeds	MedSimple			
	CVS	Walgreens.	R —			4				
Free						\$9.99/year	\$9.99/year (90-day free trial)			
Medication Reminders	SMS ®	SMS ®	SMS ®		SMS		SMS			
Tracks Doses Taken/Missed			8				8			
Refill Reminders	ISMS (SA)	SMS (SMS)	ISMS (SA)	SMS ®	SMS		SMS			
Ready for Pick Up Alert			8	8	8	8	8			
Offers Online Data Entry					8					
Share List of Medications	8	Print, Email	Print	Print, Email		Print, Email, Text	Print, Email			
Extra Features	 Setup family profiles Scan to refill prescription Transfer prescriptions Pharmacy locator 	Scan to refill prescription Transfer prescriptions Pharmacy locator	 Create and print wallet-size list of medications and schedule My Health Tracker for lab results and vital signs 	Program family members to receive alerts if medication is not taken Setup family profiles Snooze reminder	Earn points for taking medicine with the chance to win rewards (e.g., gift cards, charity donation) Drug interaction warnings	 Setup family profiles Record drug allergies, doctors, and pharmacies Track immunization records 	 Record drug allergies, doctors, and pharmacies Cost savings – drug discount card, pharmacy programs (e.g., \$4 lists, coupons) 			
Available Languages	English	English	English, Spanish	English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian	English	English	English			
HIPAA Compliant	8				8					
Website	cvs.com	walgreens.com	mymedschedule.com	medisafe.com	mangohealth.com	my-meds.com	medsimpleapp.com			

