How should a parent prepare for a visit to their child's Psychiatrist?



Is the medication being prescribed appropriate for my child's age? Will the medication's side effects impact my child's well-being and quality of life?

When should the medication be taken (e.g. Before, with or after food, or specific time of day)

Can we stop the medication abruptly? Will the improvement in my child's behavior be persistent even after stopping the medication?

How can we determine if that the medication worked?

What is the duration of the effect of the medication? How long will the effects of the medication reflect as positive change in behavior?

What happens if my child misses a dosage?

How frequently should we monitor the effects with the doctor?

Can the behavior be managed without medication or is medication the only option for my child?

What therapies will my child have to do along with the medication and when should they take the medication before/after therapy?

How long must the child continue the prescribed medications?

What are the side effects and risks that come with the medication being prescribed for my child?

Is there a chance that my child will grow dependent on the medication?

How frequently should doctor follow-ups over the medication dose be?

What happens if the first medication does not work?





