QUICK TIPS

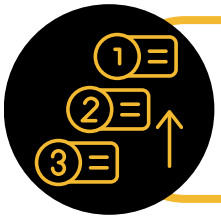
ECHO AUTISM COMMUNITIES

Engaging with Your Physician: Medications

Patient/Family & Physician Partnerships promote knowledge, support, safety, and enhance health outcomes.



Be open with your physician about your values, beliefs, and preferences.



It is important to share what priorities you have for supporting your child.



If medication is being considered to help with behavior, talk to your doctor about options, side effects, and what changes to expect with the medication.



Request pamphlets, printouts, or websites to visit with information to help you understand the potential benefits and risks to taking medication.



Repeat back what you hear the physician say to ensure you are understanding the information they share correctly.



You and your physician should decide together if the potential benefits outweigh the risks of taking medication.