Tips for Caregivers

How to Communicate with your Care Recipient's Doctor



1 BEFORE



- **Write** down questions or concerns about their health or care plan
- Create a current medications list
- Note any changes with their routine, behavior, and health

2 DURING

- Get answers and ask clarifying questions
- Take notes to refer to later
- Review or develop a care plan and update the list of current medications
- Discuss behavioral and health changes, include care recipient
- Allow care recipient to openly express their opinions



3 AFTER



- Review appointment notes
- Call the doctor to clear up any questions
- Update care plan
- Discuss the doctor's visit and changes to the care plan with your care recipient

Your role as a caregiver is important, learn more www.cdc.gov/aging/caregiving/index.htm