

# Tips for Safe Medication Use

- \_\_\_ **Use your Medication Summary Card.**
- \_\_\_ **Record side effects and tell your doctor.**
- \_\_\_ **Remember to take your medications as directed.**
- \_\_\_ **Keep all medicines out of sight and reach of children.**
- \_\_\_ **Go through medicine cabinet at least once each year.**
- \_\_\_ **Ask your doctor:**
  - **What is the name of the drug?**
  - **What is the dosing schedule?**
  - **What side effects should I expect?**
  - **How long will I be on this drug?**
  - **How should I store this drug?**
  - **Should I take this drug on an empty stomach or with food?**
- \_\_\_ **Ask your doctor about generic medications.**