## **Begining Asthma Treatment**

## Doctor Discussion Guide

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QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU...

## **Begin Treatment**

There's no right or wrong way to approach your treatment conversation. But you can use these questions to help you get the information you need about your asthma treatment plan:

- 1 What side effects should I expect from my medication(s)?
  NOTES:
- 2 Is there anything I can do to minimize or prevent side effects from treatment?
- 3 If I have side effects, when and how should I let you know?
- What's the difference between a rescue inhaler and a longacting inhaler?
- 5 Where can I learn how to use an inhaler?
- 6 Am I using my medication/inhaler correctly?

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## Begin Treatment (CONTINUED)

- Are there any long-term risks with this medication? What if I forget to take my medication? 8 Can other medications I'm taking make my asthma treatment less effective? 10 When will I know if my treatment is working? 11 What do I do if my treatment isn't working? Will I need to take this medication forever?
- 13 What do I do if I can't afford my medication?