

HEALTH

Doctor's Visit

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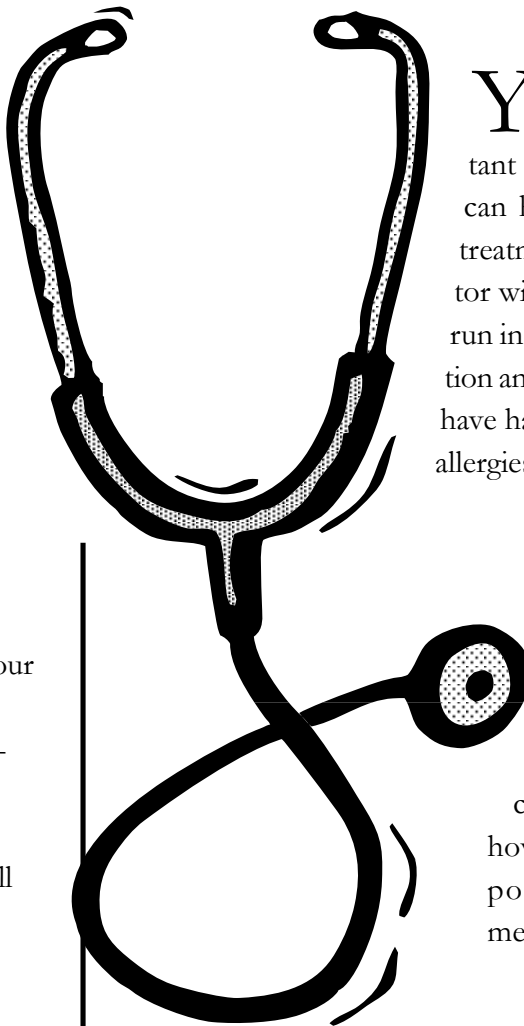
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Going to the doctor, a clinic or the hospital doesn't have to be scary. Be prepared to ask questions. It is your right as a patient to be told about the doctor's plan of treatment for you. The doctor and other medical staff will also need to know some things about you. This will help them find the best way to treat you.

You will need to fill out forms when you go for treatment. You will be asked to fill in:

- your name
- address
- telephone number
- date of birth
- Social Security number or green card number
- your doctor's name
- the name and phone number of your closest relative
- the name of your insurance company and policy number
- if you have no insurance, your Medicaid number or how you will pay your bill
- your medical history
- names of medicine you take



Your medical records are important for your doctor to see. They can help him/her decide the best treatment of your illness. The doctor will want to know what illnesses run in your family. You should mention any major illnesses or surgery you have had. You should talk about any allergies you have.

You may need to have medical tests. Ask your doctor what they are for and what the results are. If the doctor gives you medicine, ask what it will do and how to take it. Ask about any possible side effects of the medicine. ■