Why is this needed?
“It can remind me of questions to ask my health care team.” ~Pediatric Patient
“It is important to be informed as a parent but also to be sure your child is adequately informed. Starting and continuing medications should be a discussion with the health team.” ~Parent

Medication errors are common in children. Practitioners must be able to identify and mitigate risk for medication errors in high-risk patients in all settings.

How does it work?
⇒ The 5 questions have been co-developed by patients and health care providers, for children ages 8 - 12.
⇒ It has been designed to be a springboard for conversation between providers, and children and their caregivers.

How do you implement it?
⇒ Use the 5 Questions resource to facilitate conversation. Some children and caregivers will be better able to understand more information than others.
⇒ Be sure to include information such as the potential side effects, proper use (before bed, with food etc.), signs of worsening illness and when to contact a health care provider.

Key Findings
• From a consultation survey, 100% of patients/caregivers found the handout useful and 80% plan to use it.
• From an incident analysis, it was determined that a child, educated about their own medications, prevented an error when their parent was about to administer a medication that belonged to an adult family member.

Reminders
Review the safety tips with child and caregiver.
Encourage families to keep an updated medication list; the MyMedRec App can be helpful.