List of 5 questions for patients to ask medications aimed at protecting health

TOKYO—Trying to tease out medications can be one of the most challenging aspects of cancer care for most patients. Here are five questions that may help them know more about those prescriptions that they are taking:

1. Do you know what is being taken about substance abuse?

2. Do you know what the medications are for their long-term or short-term use?

3. Do you know what medications can prevent or relieve symptoms of cancer?

4. Do you know what medications are recommended to treat specific symptoms of cancer?

5. Do you know what medications are recommended to relieve specific symptoms of cancer?