

Design Your Discussion

From symptoms, to treatment, to goals, living with narcolepsy may feel like a lot to juggle. Taking time to reflect on your wants and needs can help you be a more active member of your healthcare team. Use this guide to help you prepare for your next appointment.

Dig Into the Details

Take a moment to answer the questions below and consider what may be getting in your way when it comes to managing excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) or cataplexy in narcolepsy.



1

In my day-to-day routine, EDS or cataplexy in narcolepsy *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Makes it harder to maintain relationships or a social life
- ☐ Creates challenges when it comes to work or school
- ☐ Affects my daily activities or routine
- ☐ Other: _____

2

How would you feel if your EDS or cataplexy in narcolepsy were better managed?

3

When it comes to treatment, I am *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Frustrated with my treatment because _____
- ☐ Having a hard time finding what works for me
- ☐ Concerned about stimulants or the potential for abuse
- ☐ Other: _____

4

What do you want out of a treatment for EDS or cataplexy in narcolepsy?

Put It All Together Nice work! You've thought about what may be in your way when it comes to your wants and needs for managing EDS or cataplexy in narcolepsy. Now, put it all together so that you can share it with your healthcare provider at your next appointment.



Today I'd like to talk with you about how I'm doing and how a treatment may help me get closer to where I'd like to be. In my day-to-day routine, EDS or cataplexy in narcolepsy _____.
[use your answers from 1]
If my EDS or cataplexy in narcolepsy were better managed, I'd feel _____.
[use your answer from 2]
When it comes to treatment, I am _____. I want _____.
[use your answers from 3]
_____ from a treatment for EDS or cataplexy in narcolepsy. I'd like to talk
[use your answer from 4]
about my treatment options.

Ask Away Great job! You have a clearer picture of what you want to get out of treatment and what you want to discuss with your healthcare provider.

Here are a couple of questions that you may want to ask your healthcare provider. You can also write in some of your own questions on the lines below.

- What treatment options are available for me?
- How might they help me get closer to where I want to be?

My questions are:

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a bright yellow cardigan over a black top with a colorful floral pattern, is engaged in a conversation. She is gesturing with her hands as she speaks. The person she is talking to is seen from the back, wearing a white button-down shirt and glasses, with their hair tied in a ponytail. The background is a blurred office environment with shelves and various items.

Keep Talking Take this guide with you to your next appointment. Continue the conversation with your healthcare provider about what you want out of a treatment for excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) or cataplexy in narcolepsy.