Medication Benefits and Concerns - Concept brief

Understand the idea behind medication benefits and concerns and consider whether it fits your context.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 8 minutes

Fictional example: Casey wants to discuss daytime tiredness before making any change.

The idea

Medication learning supports shared decisions rather than independent dose changes.

An ordinary example

Casey wants to discuss daytime tiredness before making any change.

What this can look like

Prepare a benefits, side effects, access, and follow-up discussion sheet for a prescriber.

Check the fit

What information will help the prescriber understand your experience? You may disagree with the framing, use fiction, or decide that this approach is not useful today.

A useful distinction

A personal recovery goal and a symptom-management strategy serve related but different purposes; the person defines what a meaningful life includes.

Reflection

What information will help the prescriber understand your experience?

Scope and adaptation

Original IMR-informed companion exercises, not the official IMR manual, fidelity assessment, or complete IMR program. Use collaborative clinical assessment and existing care plans. Do not change medication independently, challenge distressing beliefs through confrontation, or use worksheets to determine urgency. Increased or concerning symptoms need appropriate clinical assessment.

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