Greenwich Hospital

MEDICINE-ALCOHOL INTERACTIONS

Fact:

Medications are chemicals that can have a powerful impact on your body and assist you in maintaining health and wellness.

Fact:

Alcohol is a chemical that can have a powerful impact on your body. Alcohol flows through your bloodstream and is moderate amount can make you feel warm and relaxed.

Warning:

Mixing two chemicals together (i.e. medication and alcohol) can have a powerful impact on your body. The outcome may be harmful to your body. Medications taken with herbal supplements may be dangerous. Check with your MD or pharmacist if you take herbal supplements.

Caution:

Drinking alcohol (beer, wine, and liquor) while taking medication may cause serious problems and may not be in the best interest of your overall health and well being. Check with your physician before drinking alcohol while on *any* medication.

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