

# Guide to Good Chat Prompts

Writing a good chat prompt is key to getting accurate, useful information. This guide provides best practices for crafting clear, effective prompts.

## General Usage Advice

Start your request with an action verb such as “List,” “Summarize,” “Extract,” or “Identify.”

Include the following elements when applicable:

- A clear subject (body part, condition, or category such as “medications”)
- An optional time frame (for example, “in 2021”)
- A request for factual details (findings, dates, providers, page numbers)

## Be Specific About the Body Part, Condition, or Topic

Good prompts clearly name what you are asking about.

**Good:**

*“Give me a summary of injuries to the left foot.”*

**Poor:**

*“Tell me about the left foot.”*

*Tip: Always name the body part, condition, or treatment you care about.*

## Ask for the Type of Fact You Want

Avoid vague wording like “about.” Instead, request specific categories such as:

- Diagnoses
- Imaging results
- Treatments
- Medications
- Surgeries
- Clinical findings

**Good:**

*“List all medications prescribed for right knee pain.”*

**Poor:**

*“What’s going on with the right knee?”*

## Include Time or Context When Relevant

Medical records often span many years. Specify a time window if it matters.

**Good:**

*“Summarize all imaging results of the spine from 2022.”*

**Poor:**

*“What tests were done on the spine?”*

## **Use Action Verbs in Queries**

Action verbs guide the format of the response. Examples include:

- Summarize
- List
- Extract
- Identify
- Show

**Good:**

*"List all blood pressure readings with page numbers."*

**Poor:**

*"Blood pressure?"*

## **Avoid Opinions — Stick to Facts**

Requests for interpretation or diagnosis may trigger safeguards.

**Good:**

*"Extract findings from all chest X-rays."*

**Poor:**

*"Does this look like pneumonia?"*

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## **Examples of Well-Formed Queries**

### **General Injury or Condition**

*"Give me a summary of injuries to the left foot."*

*"List all references to shoulder pain with page numbers."*

### **Imaging**

*"Summarize findings from MRI scans of the right knee."*

*"Extract all chest X-ray results with dates and providers."*

### **Medications**

*"List all medications mentioned with dates and page numbers."*

*"Show the first and last mention of each prescribed medication."*

### **Treatments and Procedures**

*"Summarize all surgeries performed on the lumbar spine."*

*"List all physical therapy recommendations with page references."*

### **Vitals**

*"Extract blood pressure, heart rate, and oxygen saturation readings with dates."*