How well are you managing your blood Phe?

Could high or unstable blood Phe levels be affecting you?
In individuals with PKU, high and unstable Phe levels can lead to a toxic buildup of Phe in the brain. This can impact the way you think, feel and act. Ask yourself the following questions and use them to help discuss possible symptoms with your clinic team.

Do you get frustrated trying to solve problems?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Is it hard to plan and organise your daily tasks and activities?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Do others say you are moody or irritable?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Do you forget to take your medical food (formula)?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Do you feel “foggy” and find it hard to concentrate?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Does it take you a long time to complete simple tasks?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Do you get angry with others and get into arguments?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Do you feel depressed, afraid or anxious?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Is it hard for you to process information quickly?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Can you easily switch from one task to another?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

Is it difficult to remember things?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

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Is your loved one’s blood Phe under control?

Could high or unstable blood Phe levels be affecting your loved one? In individuals with PKU, high and unstable Phe levels can lead to a toxic buildup of Phe in the brain. This can impact the way they think, feel and act. Consider the following questions and use them to help discuss possible symptoms with your loved one.

### Is your loved one’s blood Phe under control?

**Why is blood Phe control important?**

When Phe levels increase, there can be a toxic buildup of Phe in the brain. As a result, symptoms such as anxiety, irritability, depression and loneliness may also increase.

**Studies have shown that Phe levels that remain high over time may affect IQ. When Phe levels are high or unstable, attention, mood and ability to focus can be negatively impacted.**

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