

ADHD MEDICATIONS

Brand		Generic	Form	Strengths	Maximum Dose	Notes
ADDERALL	CII	Mixed dextroamphetamine/amphetamine salts	double-scored tabs	5mg, 7.5mg, 10mg, 12.5mg, 15mg, 20mg, 30mg	usually 40mg daily in 2 or 3 divided doses	Give first dose on awakening; if needed, may give 1 or 2 more doses at 4–6 hr intervals.
ADDERALL XR	CII	Mixed dextroamphetamine/amphetamine salts	ext-rel caps	5mg, 10mg, 15mg, 20mg, 25mg, 30mg	30mg once daily	- Give once daily in the AM. - May sprinkle contents on applesauce and swallow without chewing beads.
CONCERTA	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	ext-rel tabs (with immediate-release outer coating)	18mg, 27mg, 36mg, 54mg	72mg once daily	- Give once daily in the AM. - Uses osmotic pressure to deliver methylphenidate at a controlled rate; has a duration of action of 12hrs
DAYTRANA	CII	Methylphenidate	transdermal patches	10mg, 15mg, 20mg, 30mg	—	- Apply patch to hip 2 hours before desired effect, remove 9 hours after application; may remove earlier if shorter duration of effect or late day side effect appears - May titrate dose at 1-week intervals.
DEXEDRINE	CII	Dextroamphetamine sulfate	scored tabs	5mg	usually 40mg daily in 2 or 3 divided doses	- Give in the AM and then every 4–6 hrs. - May switch to once-daily Dexedrine Spansules once titrated.
DEXEDRINE SPANSULE	CII	Dextroamphetamine sulfate	sust-rel caps	5mg, 10mg, 15mg	usually 40mg once daily	- May be used for once-daily dosing when appropriate. - Patients who are titrated to a maintenance dose of immediate-release dextroamphetamine may be switched to a once-daily dose of Dexedrine Spansules.
FOCALIN	CII	Dexmethylphenidate HCl	tabs	2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg	20mg/day	- Give twice daily (at least 4 hrs apart). - Single isomer methylphenidate product (use 1/2 of racemic methylphenidate dose initially).
FOCALIN XR	CII	Dexmethylphenidate HCl	ext-rel caps	5mg, 10mg, 15mg, 20mg	20mg/day	- Give once daily in the AM. - May sprinkle contents on applesauce and swallow without chewing beads.
INTUNIV	℞	Guanfacine	ext-rel tabs	1mg, 2mg, 3mg, 4mg	4mg/day	- Swallow whole with water, milk, or other liquid. - Do not give with high-fat meals.
METADATE CD	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	ext-rel caps (containing immediate and ext-rel beads)	10mg, 20mg, 30mg, 40mg, 50mg, 60mg	60mg once daily	- Give once daily in the AM before breakfast. - May sprinkle contents on applesauce and swallow without chewing beads.
METADATE ER	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	ext-rel tabs	10mg, 20mg	60mg daily in divided doses	May use Metadate ER when its 8-hr dose corresponds to the 8-hr immediate-release dose.
METHYLIN	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	tabs scored tabs scored tabs	5mg 10mg 20mg	60mg daily in 2 divided doses	- Give before breakfast and lunch. - Some patients may benefit from a third dose given in the afternoon.
METHYLIN CHEWABLE	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	chew tabs	2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg	60mg daily in 2 divided doses	- Give before breakfast and lunch. - Some patients may benefit from a third dose given in the afternoon.
METHYLIN ORAL SOLUTION	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	oral soln	5mg/5mL 10mg/5mL	60mg daily in 2 divided doses	- Give before breakfast and lunch. - Some patients may benefit from a third dose given in the afternoon.
METHYLIN ER	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	ext-rel tabs	10mg, 20mg	60mg daily in divided doses	May use Methylin ER when its 8-hr dose corresponds to the 8-hr immediate-release dose.
RITALIN	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	tabs scored tabs scored tabs	5mg 10mg 20mg	60mg daily in 2 divided doses	- Give before breakfast and lunch. - Some patients may benefit from a third dose given in the afternoon.
RITALIN LA	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	ext-rel caps (half as immediate-release, half as e-c delayed-release beads)	10mg, 20mg, 30mg, 40mg	60mg once daily	- Give once daily in the AM. - May sprinkle contents on applesauce and swallow without chewing beads.
RITALIN SR	CII	Methylphenidate HCl	sust-rel tabs	20mg	60mg daily in divided doses	May use Ritalin SR when its 8-hr dose corresponds to the 8-hr immediate-release dose.
STRATTERA	℞	Atomoxetine HCl	caps	10mg, 18mg, 25mg, 40mg, 60mg	1.4mg/kg, max 100mg/day	- Swallow whole. - Give once daily in the AM or in 2 evenly divided (in the AM + the late afternoon/early PM). - May discontinue without tapering dose.
VYVANSE	CII	Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate	caps	20mg, 30mg, 40mg, 50mg, 60mg, 70mg	max 70mg/day	- Give once daily in the AM. - May sprinkle contents in a glass of water and consume immediately.

NOTES

Doses listed are manufacturers' recommended maximum doses. Individualize and use lowest effective dose. Avoid late evening doses. Re-evaluate periodically; improvement may be sustained when the drug is either temporarily or permanently discontinued. See product monographs or contact the company for more information. If paradoxical aggravation of symptoms or other adverse effects occur, the dose should be reduced or discontinued. Sustained-release (sust-rel) and extended-release (ext-rel) products must be swallowed whole and not crushed, chewed, or divided, unless otherwise noted.

*Not an inclusive list.

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