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ADHD Medication Guide

Please use this guide to help us choose the right ADHD medication for your child

| Medication Name | Generic Option | Duration Reg/Extended | Most Common Side Effects | How Effective | Method to Take Medication |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------|---|
| Methylphenidates: | | | Decreased Appetite, Weight Loss, Trouble Sleeping, GI Upset, Headaches, Crankiness, Anxiety, Rebound ADHA Symptoms, Social Withdrawal and Hyper-Focus | | |
| Ritalin | Yes | Reg: 4-6 hours LA: 8-9 hours | | Highly | Reg: swallow or crush LA: swallow or sprinkle |
| Focalin | No | Reg: 4-6 hours XR: 8-9 hours | | Highly | Reg: swallow or crush XR: swallow or sprinkle |
| Methylphenadate Chew | No | 4-6 hours | | Highly | Chewable tablet |
| Methylin Solution | Yes | 4-6 hours | | Highly | Swallow liquid, grape flavor |
| Metadate ER Metadate CD | Yes | 8-9 hours | | Highly | ER: swallow or crush CD: swallow or sprinkle |
| Concerta | Yes | 11-12 hours | | Highly | Swallow only |
| Aptensio XR | No | 11-12 hours | | Highly | Swallow whole or sprinkle |
| Quillivant | No | XR: 11-12 hours ER: 8 hours | | Highly | Liquid, banana flavored or chewable tablet |
| Daytrana | No | 9 plus hours | As above and skin irritation | Highly | Patch 9 (apply 2 hours before and last 3 hours after removed) |

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| Adderall | Yes | Reg: 4-6 hours XR: 8-9 hours | | Highly | Reg: swallow or crush XR: swallow or sprinkle |
| Evekeo | No | Reg: 4-6 hours | | Highly | Swallow or crush |
| Zenzedi | Yes | 4-6 hours | | Highly | Swallow or crush |
| ProCentra | No | 4-6 hours | | Highly | Swallow liquid, bubblegum flavor |
| Dexadrine Spansule | Yes | 6-8 hours | | Highly | Swallow only |
| Vyvanse | No | 10-12 hours | | Highly | Swallow whole, sprinkle or dissolve in liquid |
| Dyanavel XR | No | 11-12 hours | | Highly | Swallow liquid, bubblegum flavor |
| Adzenys XR-ODT | No | 11-12 hours | | Highly | Allow pill to dissolve in mouth |

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| Atomoxetine: | | | GI upset, Fatigue Decreased Appetite, Drowsiness | | |
| Strattera | No | 24 hours after 2 weeks of use | | Moderate | Swallow only |

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| Guanfacine: | | | Drowsiness, Headache, Sedation, Dizziness, GI upset | | |
| Tenex | Yes | 11-12 hours | | Moderate | Swallow whole or crush |
| Intuniv | No | 24 hours after 2 weeks of use | | Moderate | Swallow whole only |