

Pediatric ADHD Meds Cheat Sheet

Drug	Uses	Most Common Dosing Range (Generally weight based)	Max Dose (Less Common)	Side Effects	Dosing Issues
Ritalin Products: •Focalin XR (<i>dexmethylphenidate</i>) •Concerta (methylphenidate)	<u>FDA-Approved Uses:</u> •ADHD	5 - 20 MG	30 MG	•anorexia •insomnia •headache •elevated heart rate •moodiness / agitation	•take in morning •if a dose is missed wait until next day •OK to stop w/o taper
	<u>Off-Label Uses:</u> •Depression	18 - 54 MG	72 MG		
Amphetamine Products: •Adderall (<i>amphetamine / dextroamphetamine</i>) •Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine)	<u>FDA-Approved Uses:</u> •ADHD	5 - 30 MG	40 MG	•anorexia •insomnia •headache •elevated heart rate •moodiness / agitation	•take in morning •if a dose is missed wait until next day •OK to stop w/o taper
	<u>Off-Label Uses:</u> •Depression	20 - 70 MG	70 MG		
Kapvay (clonidine)	<u>FDA-Approved Uses:</u> •Hypertension •ADHD	0.1 - 0.4 MG	0.4 MG	•low blood pressure •sedation •constipation •dizziness •dry mouth	•usually dosed in AM •can take missed dose same day--but do not double up •do not discontinue
Intuniv (<i>guanfacine</i>)	<u>FDA-Approved Uses:</u> •Hypertension •ADHD	1 - 4 MG	4 MG	•low blood pressure •sedation •constipation •dizziness •dry mouth	•usually dosed in AM •can take missed dose same day--but do not double up •do not discontinue abruptly

This information is intended as a guide, not as a comprehensive drug information reference. Not all pediatric psychiatric medications are included. Sound clinical judgment and individualized patient care is required and may dictate need for higher doses in specific cases.

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