

ADD ADHD Patient Information

Before prescribing stimulant medications for ADD or ADHD we require a comprehensive examination by a Licensed Clinician with a thorough evaluation to establish the diagnosis of ADD/ADHD.

After we have received this evaluation your clinician will discuss with you which medication we feel will be most appropriate for management of your problem. That medication may be a non-stimulant drug (bupropion, atomoxetine, guanfacine or clonidine) or a stimulant medication [methylphenidate, (ritalin, concerta, meditate, focalin), or amphetamines (Adderall, Vyvanse, Desoxyn)].

Be aware that stimulant medications are “**Controlled Substances**” which are monitored by the Drug Enforcement Agency of the Department of Justice. Misuse, selling, distributing (Sharing with a friend) is a **Felony**, First offense is punishable by not more than **20 (Twenty) Years in prison and 1 (one) Million Dollars fine**. If death or serious injury occurs it is at least **20 (twenty) years to life**.

Class 2 controlled substances cannot be refilled. We generally will prescribe them for one month at a time. You will be responsible for coming in to get the medication, we do not call to remind you to get a new prescription. We may request an EKG before starting you on stimulant medication. We may also do drug testing to be sure you are taking your medication and that you are not taking any mood altering substances that will adversely affect ADHD.

Once a medication is prescribed you will be expected to take the medication daily. (You may take weekends off if you do not have assignments or projects for which you need the medication to stay focused.)

DO NOT SHARE YOUR MEDICATION see paragraph three (3).

Medication is not the only method of managing ADHD, it should be done in conjunction with Classroom and time management planning as well as behavioral modification to maximize the management of tasks and assignments.

When you come in for your new prescription you will be asked about grades, side effects and the effectiveness of the medication.

The prescription for class 2 controlled substances is printed on special paper that precludes tampering, faxing or copying.