

Adderall/Adderall XR

Parent Information Sheet

Why it is prescribed

Adderall/Adderall XR is most commonly prescribed for the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). ADHD is characterized by a short attention span, impulsive behavior, and often hyperactivity. Adderall/Adderall XR can be helpful in improving the child's concentration and attention span, but it **does not necessarily improve behavior problems**.

How to give Adderall/Adderall XR

- Adderall/Adderall XR is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Adderall/Adderall XR requires adult supervision at home and at school. Your child should not be expected to remember to take the medication on his/her own. Your school will require a form for school medication administration signed by the doctor.
- Give Adderall/Adderall XR exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Give Adderall with meals. If the drug causes loss of appetite, take it after meals.
- Do not give Adderall/Adderall XR more often or in larger doses than what your doctor has ordered. If you have any questions or concerns about the current medication, call your doctor's office.
- If you miss a dose take the remaining doses for that day at the regular times. Do not give a double dose.
- Take the last dose of Adderall/Adderall XR before 6 p.m. to reduce the risk of sleep disturbance, unless your child's doctor prescribes a later dose.

The phone number to the office is (313) 832-1100 ext. 220.

Side Effects

The most common: appetite loss, weight loss, stomachache, headaches, sleeping problems, dizziness.

Very rare: rapid heart rate, skin rashes

Occasionally, tics may occur or worsen. Call your doctor if this occurs.

Procedure for getting a prescription

- Adderall/Adderall XR is classified as a controlled substance.
- Adderall/Adderall XR prescriptions expire in 60 days
- Prescription refills cannot be phoned into the pharmacy and we are unable to put refills on the prescription.
- Prescriptions must be requested each month by the parent. When you have five days left of the medication, please call the clinical services office at (313) 832-1100 ext. 220 for prescription refills.
- The prescription can be mailed or picked up by the family. The Detroit Institute for Children is not open on weekends or holidays. The clinical services office is open from 8 am till 5 pm Monday through Friday and 8 am till 12 noon on Fridays.
- If you are overdue for a return appointment or have not kept a scheduled appointment, your child's doctor reserves the right not to prescribe the medication.

***Poison Control Center:
1-800-764-7661 (1-800-POISON-1)***