

Cylert (pemoline)

Parent Information Sheet

Why it is prescribed

Cylert 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. Cylert can be helpful in improving the child's concentration and attention span, but it does not necessarily improve behavior problems.

How to give Cylert

- Cylert is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Cylert 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 Cylert exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Give Cylert with meals. If the drug causes loss of appetite, take it after meals.
- Do not give Cylert 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 missed dose as soon as possible; then take the remaining doses for that day at regularly spaced times. Do not give a double dose.
- Take the last dose of Cylert before 6 p.m. to reduce the risk of sleep disturbance, unless your child's doctor prescribes a later dose.

Your child's doctor is:

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

Side Effects

The most common but infrequent: sleeping problems, weight loss, stomach upset and rash

Serious: jaundice and seizures

Call your doctor immediately about serious side effects.
(313) 832-1100 ext. 220

Special Considerations

- Your doctor may require periodic blood test to screen for liver and blood problems.

Procedure for getting a prescription

- If you require a prescription refill before your next scheduled appointment, please call the clinical services office at (313) 832-1100 ext. 220.
- Please have your pharmacy phone number available before calling for prescription refills.
- The Detroit Institute for Children is not open on weekends or holidays. The clinical services office is open from 8 am-4:30 pm.
- 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)