

# Strattera (atomoxetine)

## Parent Information Sheet

### Why it is prescribed

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

### How to give Strattera

- Strattera is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Strattera 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 Strattera exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Give Strattera with meals. It is recommended that Strattera be taken with foods high in protein (peanut butter, cheese, eggs, etc.) to minimize stomach upset.
- Do not give Strattera 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.

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

### **Side Effects**

Call your doctor immediately if you notice any of these side effects:

- An allergic reaction such as itching, hives, swelling in hands or face, trouble breathing, pounding or fast heartbeat.

If you notice any of these less serious side effects, talk to your doctor:

- dry mouth, nausea, vomiting, stomachache, irritability

### Special Considerations

You should not use Strattera if you have narrow angle glaucoma or if you have used an MAO inhibitor in the past 14 days.

### 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 till 5 pm Monday through Thursday 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)***