

Dexedrine

Parent Information Sheet

Why it is prescribed

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

How to give Dexedrine

- Dexedrine is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription.
- Dexedrine 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 child's school will require a form for school medication administration signed by the doctor.
- Give Dexedrine exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Give Dexedrine with meals. However, if the drug causes loss of appetite, take it after meals.
- Do not give Dexedrine 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, give the missed dose as soon as possible; then give the remaining doses for that day at regularly spaced times. Don't take a double dose.
- If you're using the regular tablets, give the last dose before 6 p.m. to reduce the risk of sleep disturbances, unless a later dose is prescribed by your child's doctor.

Poison Control Center:

1-800-764-7661 (1-800-POISON-1)

Side Effects

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

Rare: appearance or worsening of tics; if this happens, call your doctor.

Procedure for getting a prescription

- Dexedrine is classified a controlled substance.
- Prescriptions and refills **CANNOT** be phoned into a pharmacy.
- The prescription will expire within **60** days of prescription date.
- 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 a.m. – 5 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am -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.

Your child's doctor is:

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

