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ADHD and Beyond: Appropriate Therapy and When to Refer

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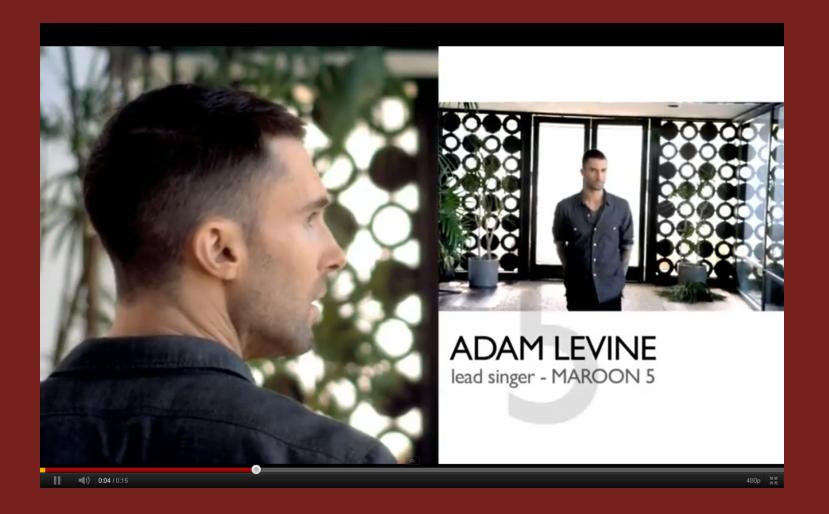
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Learning Objectives

- Identify the DSM criteria for ADHD
- Construct a differential diagnosis for ADHD
- Describe the etiology and risk factors for ADHD
- Formulate a treatment plan for ADHD
- Tips on when to refer

DSM 5 slated to be released May 2013

DSM-IV TR CRITERIA FOR ADHD



http://www.youtube.com/watch? NR=1&v=jBLg1bnWQQw

What happened to ADD in DSM-IV?

- DSM Diagnostic and Statistical Manual
 - DSM-IV 1994-2000
 - DSM-IV-TR 2000-2013
- DSM-IV No longer used ADD
- Sub-types Classified
 - ADHD: Inattentive Type
 - ADHD: Combined Type
 - ADHD: Hyperactive-Impulsive Type

Changes with DSM-5

- DSM-5 (MAY 2013)
 - Age of onset of symptoms raised from 7 to 12
 - Fewer symptoms for adults (5 vs 6)
 - Now ADHD can be diagnosed with Austism
 - The term "sub-types" no longer used
 - "Current Presentations"

Essentials of ADHD

- Inattention and/or hyperactivity-impulsivity
- Symptoms present before age 7
 - 12 with DSM-5
- > 2 settings
 - School and home
- Interferes with social, academic or occupational functioning

Inattention (> 6 Symptoms)

- Cannot pay close attention to detail
- Difficulty sustaining attention (work/play)
- Appears not to be listening spoken to directly
- Doesn't follow through on instructions
 - ex. chores, schoolwork
- Disorganized
- Avoids things that require sustained attention
- Distracted by irrelevant noises or events
- Forgetful in daily activities

Hyperactivity-Impulsivity (> 6)

Hyperactivity

- Fidgets
- Out of seat
- Runs and climbs when inappropriate
- Can't play quietly
- "On the go"
- Talks excessively

Impulsivity

- Blurts out answers
- Difficulty waiting turn
- Interrupts or intrudes

Changes with DSM-5

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF ADHD

Course of ADHD Over the Lifespan Infancy

- Irritable
- Fussy eaters
- Colicky
- Decreased sleep
- Difficulty to hold and comfort
- Not cuddly

Course of ADHD Over the Lifespan Preschool Years

- Increased social exposure
 - Out of control
 - Demands must be met
 - Center of attention
 - Blames others
 - Aggressive, selfish, destructive
 - Does better 1:1, with mother or father alone
 - Extreme safety issues
 - Running into traffic, jumping off of high places

Course of ADHD Over the Lifespan Grade School Years

- School demands increase 3rd & 4th grade
- Grades may start to fall
- Learning disabilities become more obvious
- Peer difficulties increase
- Can't take turns
- Unpopular
- Exploited by others

Course of ADHD Over the Lifespan Adolescence

- Internal sense of restlessness
 - Trouble with sedentary activities
- Increase in repeated grades
- Disorganization
- Poorer grades
- Decreased self-esteem
- Failure
- Low expectations of future
- Parents "fed up"

Course of ADHD Over the Lifespan Adolescence (2)

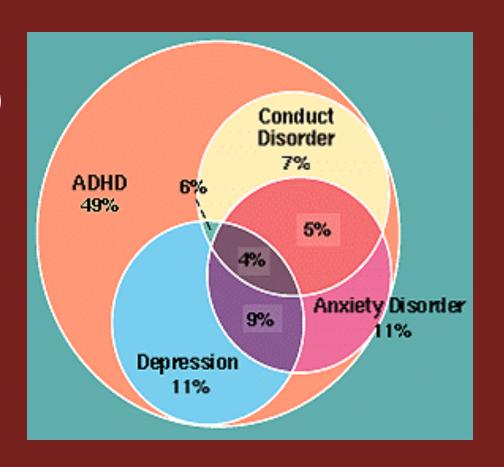
- Acting out behaviors (lying/cheating/legal)
- Increased ETOH use and drug use
 - Not greater in ADHD adolescents
 - EXCEPT nicotine
- Most difficult time
 - School Issues
 - Multiple accidents (car and bike)
 - Suicidal behavior

Course of ADHD Over the Lifespan Adulthood

- 70-75% have some symptoms of hyperactivity, distractibility, impulsivity, and aggression
- 30% full ADHD
- 12% substance use
- 25% antisocial
- Immature, difficulty maintaining goals
- Low self-esteem
- Disorganized

Co-Morbidities

- Depression (30%),
- Anxiety Disorders (30%)
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder or Conduct Disorder (50%)
- Learning Disability (40%)
- Bipolar (10-20%)
- Tourettes (2%)



Anxiety

- Often mistaken for ADHD
 - Fidgeting
 - Inattentive (worrying about something else)
 - Difficulty completing schoolwork
 - Too worried about incorrect answers

Learning Disabilities

- Achievement test scores are below what is expected by age, education or IQ
- Categories of LD
 - Reading
 - Math
 - Written Expression

Diagnostic Considerations

- Cannot make the diagnosis in the 1:1 situation in the office
- History from parents and collaborative reports from teachers are essential
- Classroom observation is ideal
- Use the Vanderbilt or Connor's
- Review school records

ETIOLOGY OR RISK FACTORS

Prevalence

- In 2-12% of school-aged children
- Boys 3:1 in community sample
 - 9:1 in clinic sample
- Chronic disorder
 - 75% show symptoms into adolescence
 - 50% have significant symptoms into adulthood

AMA Statement on ADHD

- The Council on Scientific Affairs of the AMA 1998 "ADHD is one of the best-researched disorders in medicine, and overall data on its validity are far more compelling than for most mental disorder and even for many medical conditions"
- The Council noted there are volumes of research confirming the short-term efficacy and safety of stimulant medication.

Causes of ADHD

- *Prenatal and postnatal difficulties
 - Maternal smoking or substance use
 - Poor maternal health
- CNS infections
- *Head injuries
- Lead exposure
- *Genetic variation

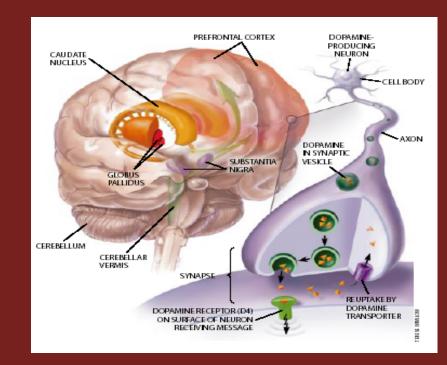
What neurotransmitters are involved?

Dopamine

- Action -> Nucleus Accumbens:
- Locomotor activity, reinforcement processes, rate-dependency

Norepinephrine

- Locus ceruleus to prefrontal cortex
- delayed response, working memory



Dopamine & Norepinephrine

Attention and control of behavior

TREATMENT PLAN FOR ADHD

Multimodal Approach

- Behavioral interventions
- School accommodations
 - Section 504 and IEP
- Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)
- Parenting Classes
- Medications

School Strategies

- Shorter tasks
- Sit near front of the room
- Often do better 1:1
- Very structured
- Daily journal
 - home w/student signatures required
- Section 504 of American Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - Applies only to federally funded institutions

How to Qualify for Section 504

- Physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities
- Record of physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities
- Regarded as having physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities by the school

What does Section 504 require of schools?

 Does <u>not</u> require public school provide student with disabilites with potentialmaximizing education, only REASONABLE accommodations that give those students the same access to the benefit of public education as all other students

J.D. by J.D. v Pawlet Sch. Dist. 223F.3d 60,71

Indivdualized Education Plan (IEP)

- 2004 changes to align Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") with No Child Left Behind
- Protects disabled kids' right to <u>Free</u>
 <u>Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)</u> in the <u>least restrictive environment (LRE)</u>.
- Admission and Release Committee (ARC)
 meeting to determine if child is eligible for IEP

Behavioral Interventions

- The approach involves training parents
 - pinpoint problem behaviors (e.g. aggressive responses, noncompliant responses)
- Identify more appropriate responses

 Utilize various child behavior management techniques to decrease problem behavior and increase desirable behavior

Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)

- Address the role of multiple, interconnected systems in which the adolescent is embedded (Henggeler & Lee 2003)
- This approach recognizes
 - Effects of family, school, work, peer, community and cultural institutions on the adolescents
 - Seeks to intervene therapeutically on multiple levels
- KIDS DON'T OPERATE IN A VACUUM!

Medication Categories

- Amphetamine
 - Short-acting
 - Adderall
 - Dexedrine
 - DextroStat

Long-acting

- Adderall XR
- Dexedrine Spansules
- Vyvanse

Methylphenidate

Short-acting

- Focalin
- Methylin
- Ritalin

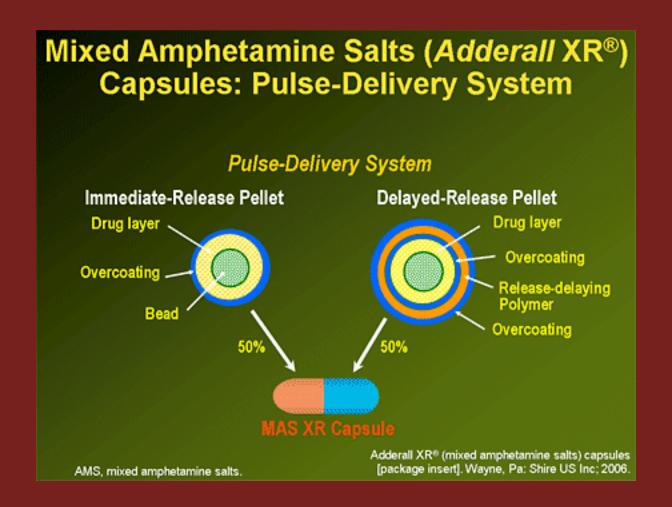
Intermediate-acting

- Metadate ER
- Methylin ER
- Ritalin SR
- Metadate CD
- Ritalin LA

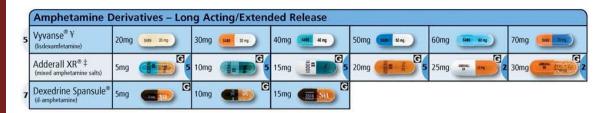
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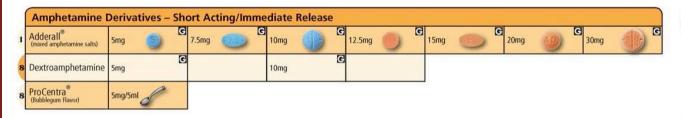
- Concerta
- Daytrana Patch
- Focalin XR
- Quillavant XR (NEW SOLUTION)

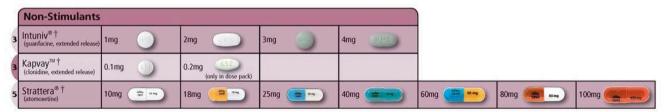
Adderall XR - 50:50 ratio of IR and delayed-release beads



Amphetamine and Non-Stimulants







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The ADHD Medication Guide is a visual aid for professionals caring for individuals with ADHD. The Guide includes only medications indicated for the treatment of ADHD by the FDA. In clinical practice, this guide may be used to assist patients in identifying medications previously tried, and may allow clinicians to identify ADHD medication options for the future. Medications have been arranged on the card for ease of display and comparison, but dosing equivalence cannot be assumed. Practitioners should refer to the FDA-approved product information to learn more about each medication. Although every effort has been made to depict each medication in its actual size and color, we cannot guarantee that there are not minor distortions in the final image. This Guide is accurate as of March 1, 2013.

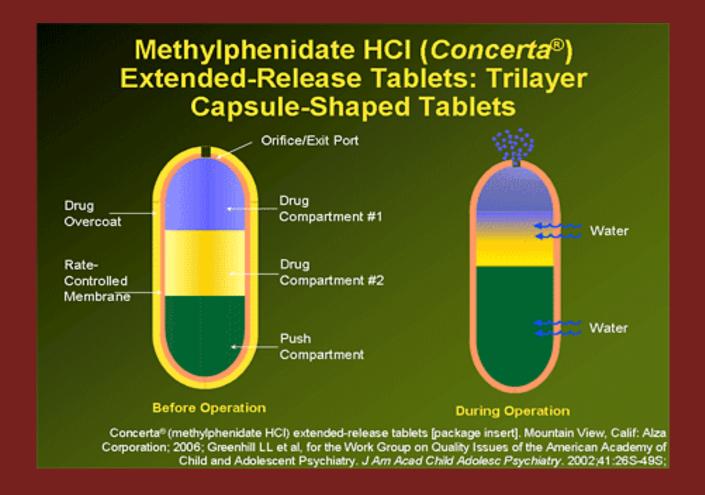
Administration Key

- † Must be swallowed whole
- Y Can be dissolved in liquid
- § Chewable
- ‡ Capsule can be opened and medication sprinkled on applesauce

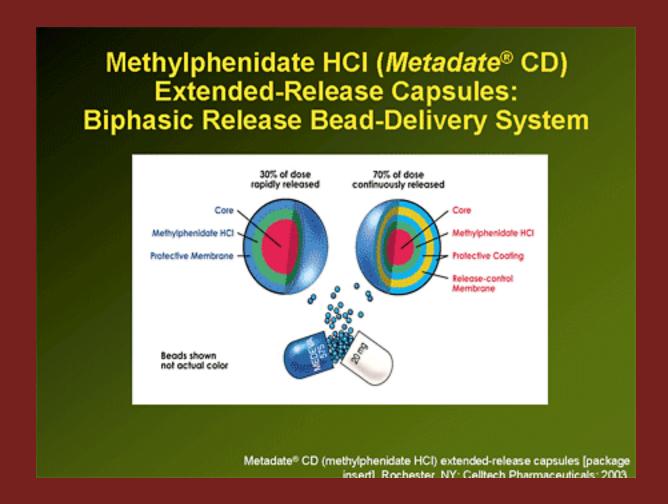
Ages for Which Medications Have an FDA Indication for Treatment of ADHD

	for Treatment of ADHD						
Tab #	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	13-16 Years	17 Years	Adults		
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4		~			~		
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7		~	V				
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- Updated versions of the ADHD Medication Guide can be viewed at www.ADHDMedicationGuide.com
- Laminated copies of the ADHD Medication Guide can be obtained at: www.ADDWarehouse.com
- Contact Dr. Andrew Adesman at ADHDMedGuide@NSHS.edu with any questions, suggestions or comments



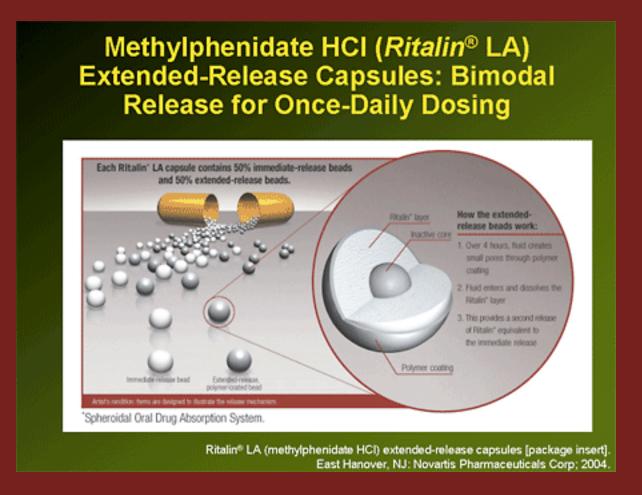
Concerta - *OROS* (osmotically controlled-release oral delivery system). After ingestion of *OROS* methylphenidate (MPH), an immediate release of MPH occurs in the outer covering of the tablet, followed by a progressive 8-hour release through the action of the osmotic pump.



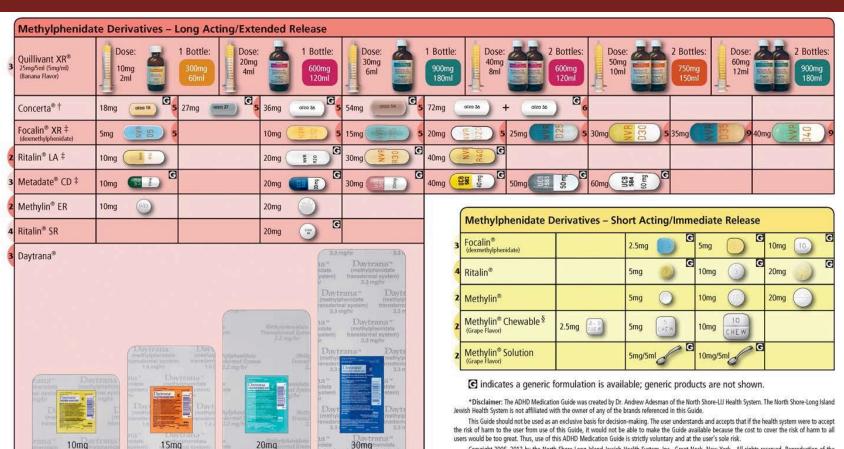
Metadate CD – Diffucaps

Biphasic release of MPH with 30% immediate release (IR) and 70% ER beads included in a capsule. The design produces higher plasma concentrations than *OROS* MPH over the first 6 hours, followed by a more rapid decline. It can also be sprinkled over food.

Ritalin LA and Focalin XR - *SODAS* (spheroidal oral drug absorption system) Contains 50% IR beads and 50% ER beads covered by polymer overcoat. The first peak in its bimodal plasma concentration profile occurs after 1 to 3 hours, and the second peak is approximately 6 hours post-dosage.



Methylphenidate Products



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Medication Categories

- Selective
 Norepinephrine
 Reuptake Inhibitors
 (SNRI)
 - atomoxetine (Strattera®)

- Antidepressants
 - buproprion(Wellbutrin®)
 - imipramine (Tofranil[®])
 - nortriptyline(Pamelor®)

Medication Categories

- Alpha-2-Adrenergic Agonists
 - clonidine (Catapres®)
 - guanfacine (Tenex®)

	Table 3A. Medica	tions Used to Treat Al	DHD (alpi	habetical by	class)		
Reneric Class Brand Name	Dosage Form	Typical Starting Dose	FDA Max/Day	Off-Label Max/Day	Comments		
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hort-acting	 				- Short seting stimulants often used		
Adderall*	5, 7.5, 10, 12.5, 15, 20, 30 mg tabs	3–5 yr: 2.5 mg qd ≥ 6 yr: 5 mg qd–bid]_		Short-acting stimulants often used as initial treatment in small children (< 16 kg) but have disadvantage of bid-tid dosing to control symptoms throughout day		
Dexedrine*	5 mg tab	3–5 yr: 2.5 mg qd ≥ 6 yr: 5–10 mg qd	40 mg	> 50 kg: 60 mg			
DextroStat*	5, 10 mg tabs	E o yr. o-to mg qu			Longer-acting stimulants offer greater		
ong-acting		T-000			convenience, confidentiality, and compliance with single daily dosing		
Adderall XR	5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 mg caps	≥ 6 yr: 10 mg qd	30 mg	> 50 kg: 60 mg	but may have greater problematic effects on evening appetite and sleep		
Dexedrine Spansule	5, 10, 15 mg caps	≥ 6 yr: 5 mg qd-bid	40 mg	> 50 kg: 60 mg	Adderall XR cap may be opened and		
Vyvanse	30, 50, 70 mg	30 mg qd	70 mg	Not yet know	sprinkled on soft food		
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hort-acting Focalin	25.5.10 mg toba	2 E ma hid	20	50 ma	1		
Methylin*	2.5, 5, 10 mg tabs	2.5 mg bld	20 mg	50 mg	Short-acting stimulants often used		
Ritalin*	5, 10, 20 mg tabs	5 mg bid	60 mg > 50 kg: 100 mg		as initial treatment in small children (< 16 kg) but have disadvantage of		
termediate-acting			<u> </u>		bid-tid dosing to control symptoms throughout day		
Metadate ER	10, 20 mg tabs		T		Longer-acting stimulants offer greater		
Methylin ER	10, 20 mg tabs	10 mg q am	60 mg	> 50 kg: 100 mg	convenience, confidentiality, and compliance with single daily dosing		
Ritalin SR*	20 mg tab				but may have greater problematic		
Metadate CD	10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 mg caps	00	1	F0 1	effects on evening appetite and sleep Metadate CD, Ritalin LA, and Focalin		
Ritalin LA	10, 20, 30, 40 mg caps	20 mg q am	60 mg	> 50 kg: 100 mg	XR may be opened and sprinkled on		
ng-acting			•		soft food Concerta tab should be swallowed		
Concerta	18, 27, 36, 54 mg tabs	18 mg q am	72 mg	108 mg	whole with liquids		
Daytrana (transdermal system)	10, 15, 20, 30 mg patches	Begin with 10 mg patch qd, then titrate up weekly by patch strength	30 mg	Not yet known	Concerta nonabsorbable tab shell may be seen in stool.		
ocalin XR	5, 10, 15, 20 mg tabs	5 mg q am	30 mg	50 mg			
omoxetine Strattera	10, 18, 25, 40, 60, 80, 100 mg caps	Children and adolescents < 70 kg: 0.5 mg/kg/d for 4 d; then 1 mg/kg/d for 4 d; then 1.2 mg/kg/d	Lesser of 1.4 mg/kg or 100 mg	Lesser of 1.8 mg/kg or 100 mg	Not a Schedule II medication Consider if active substance abuse or severe side effects of stimulants (mood liability, tics)		
		,			Give qam or divided doses bld (effects on late evening behavior)		
					Do not open cap		
					Monitor closely for suicidal thinking and behavior, clinical worsening, or unusual changes in behavior		
	le 3B. Alternative M	edications Used to Tr	eat ADHI	Not Appro	ved by FDA)		
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iproprìon Wellbutrin* Wellbutrin SR Wellbutrin XL	75, 100 mg tabs 100, 150, 200 mg tabs 150, 300 mg tabs	Lesser of 3 mg/kg/d or 150 mg/d	Lesser of 6 mg/kg or 300 mg, with no single dose > 150 mg		Lowers seizure threshold; contraindicated if current seizure disorder Usually given in divided doses, bid for		
ipramine			Lesser of 4 mg/kg or 200 mg		children, tid for adolescents, for both safety and effectiveness		
Tofranil*	10, 25, 50, 75 mg tabs	1 mg/kg/d	Lesser of 4 n	ng/kg or 200 ma			

Adverse Effects

- Decreased appetite, stomach aches
- Irritability, dysphoria
- Decreased sleep
- Rebound
- Headaches
- Tic controversy
- Hallucinations (rare or in overdose)
- Relationship to other drug use

Alpha 2 Agonists

- Guanfacine (Tenex)
 - Up to 4.0 mg/day in 2 divided doses
 - Less sedating than clonidine
 - Intuniv™ (guanfacine ER)
 - Taken once a day at bedtime
 - Start with 1mg QHS, increase to goal of 4 mg/day
 - Not with high-fat meal
 - 2 weeks to see effects
- Clonidine (Catapres) 0.1, 0.2, 03 mg tabs
 - Oral 3-4 hours for behavioral effects
 - Patch (usually changed every 3 to 5 days)

Alpha-2 Agonists (α2)

- Indications
 - Tourette's Disorder
 - ADHD –particularly those with severe impulsivity and overactivity
 - Tourette's Disorder + ADHD
 - Aggression
 - Post Traumatic Stress D/O
 - Adjunct in Bipolar ???
 - Opiate Withdrawal
 - Sleep aid

Alpha 2 Agonists

- Adverse Effects
 - Sedation
 - Hypotension & Dizziness
 - Headaches
 - Sweating
 - Can overdose on these medications
- Withdrawal
 - Increased Blood Pressure
 - Headaches

Clinical Pearls

- Early school-age children
 - Start with Tenex or Clonidine
 - Tenex less sedating
- If starting a stimulant try short-acting FIRST
 - If side effects, they will be short-lived
- Biggest complaint with Daytrana Patch is local irritation

Drug Diversion Issue Talking Points

- Keep medications out of the reach of children
- Keep stimulant medication under lock and key.
- Parents and physicians should be carefully monitoring numbers of pills and times needed by the patient.

T2	ADHD Management	Plan—Sample	1		
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If you are still unsure, call us at				1	
Patient	's doctor isPag			Pager #	
Parent/Guardian	Relationship				
Contact Number(s)					
School Name	School Phon	ie No		Fax No	
Key Teacher Contact Name	Grade	Teacher's E-m	nail Address_		
Goals What improvements would you		avior you would lik	e to see impro	ve:	
At School:					
Plans to reach these goals:					
1					
3					·
Medication					
1				Time	am/pm
	Dose 1mg	Dose 2	U	Dose 3	_
2	Time am/p	m Time Dose 2		Time Dose 3	
☐ Medication to be given on nonsch	v	given for			mg
☐ School authorization signed by pa☐ Side effects explained/information	rent and MD Rx written	for duplicate bottle			
Common Side Effects: decreased ap	· ·	stomachache, tran	sient headach	e, hehavioral rebo	ound
Call your doctor immediately if ar					
dizziness, growth suppression, halluci	nations/mania, exacerbation of	tics and Tourette sy	ndrome (rare)	
Further Evaluation					
☐ School testing scheduled	date				
☐ Parent and Teacher Vanderbilts	completed				
Additional Resources and Treatme	ent Strategies				
☐ F/U Parent Vanderbilt given	completed				
F/U Teacher Vanderbilt given to parent					
☐ Behavioral Modification Counselin	_	1			
☐ Parenting Tips Sheet given ☐ CHADD phone number given: 800/233-4050 ☐ Community Resources/Referrals:					
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Next Follow-up Visit: __

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Medication Monitoring Form

MEDICATION EFFECTIVENESS R	EPORT		
Child's Name	Age/ DOB _	Sex _	
School Name:	Grade:		
Date Form Completed:	_ Completed By:		
Medication (s) Dosages / Times Admi	nistered Per Day		
History: Target Symptoms	Improved	No Change	Worse
Hyperactivity- motor restlessness Attention span Distractibility Organization Finishing Tasks Impulse Control Frustration Tolerance Accepting Limits Peer Relations Aggression Disruption in classroom			
Side Effects:			
Appetite loss Abdominal Complaints Sleepiness Drowsiness Tiredness Weepiness Staring a lot Irritability Sadness Nervousness Headaches			
Comments:			

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS

SPARK

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AND THE BRAIN



Supercharge Your Mental Circuits to Beat Stress, Sharpen Your Thinking, Lift Your Mood,
Boost Your Memory, and Much More

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Alternative Treatments

- Be cautious of claims about
 - Vitamin B
 - Feingold Diet
 - Elimination of preservatives, artificial color/flavor
 - Interactive Metronome Training
 - Chiropractic Medicine
 - Neurofeedback/EEG training

GLOBAL CONSIDERATIONS

Trends

- Redshirting: Holding kids back from KGT
- CBS News
 - 60 Minutes Documentary

http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7400898n

Standardized Testing

Teaching to the test?

Class size and expectations of the system

CASES, CLINICAL PEARLS, AND WHEN TO REFER

Tommy

 10 yo male with known ADHD on a long-acting stimulant. Significant improvement noted with this medication. Past few weeks he has been experiencing intermittent facial twitching and throat clearing.

- Q. What is most appropriate next step?
- Q. What is connection between tics and stimulants?

Tics and Stimulants

- Seem to correlate with increase in tics
- Usually transient
 - Rarely worsens with treatment
- 50% of children with Tourette Syndrome have ADHD
 - Timing of onset of symptoms
- Stop stimulant? NO in most cases
 - Consider Alpha-2-Adrenergic Agonists
 - Tenex or Clonidine

Jumpin' Jonny

- 8 year old WM who presents with parent complaint of "Jonny just won't sit still in class"
- You proceed to ask questions about his past medical history
 - Premature Birth
 - Mom smoked during pregnancy
- School complaining and telling mom she needs to get an evaluation for medication

What would YOU do?

Susan

- 13 year old WF presents with parent complaint of Susan has really been struggling this year in school.
- Teachers say she looks like she's paying attention but when called on she doesn't know what teacher was just talking about

What would YOU do?

Wild Willy

- 6 year old WM presents to your office with parent complaint of child escaping from the house and climbing on the roof of the nearby shed. He has always jumped from furniture. Several ED visits for injuries.
- Aggressive with neighbors and peers at school.

What would YOU do?

ADHD Information

About Our Kids

http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/about_adhd.html

ADDitude Magazine for People With ADHD

http://www.additudemag.com

ADDvance Online Resource for Women and Girls With ADHD

http://www.addvance.com

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

http://www.aafp.org

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

http://www.aap.org

American Medical Association (AMA)

http://www.ama-assn.org

Attention-Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)

http://www.add.org

Attention Research Update Newsletter

http://www.helpforadd.com

Bright Futures

http://www.brightfutures.org

Center for Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network

http://www.mentalhealth.org

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity

Disorder (CHADD)

http://www.chadd.org

Comprehensive Treatment for Attention-Deficit Disorder (CTADD)

http://www.ctadd.com

Curry School of Education (University of Virginia)
ADD Resources

http://teis.virginia.edu/go/cise/ose/categories/add.html

Intermountain Health Care

http://www.ihc.com/xp/ihc/physician/clinicalprograms/primarycare/adhd.xml

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)

http://nccam.nih.gov

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

http://www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/adhdmenu.cfm

Northern County Psychiatric Associates

http://www.ncpamd.com/adhd.htm

One ADD Place

http://www.oneaddplace.com

Pediatric Development and Behavior

http://www.dbpeds.org

San Diego ADHD Web Page

http://www.sandiegoadhd.com

Vanderbilt Child Development Center

http://peds.mc.vanderbilt.edu/cdc/rating~1.html

Educational Resources

American Association of People With Disabilities (AAPD) http://www.aapd.com

Consortium for Citizens With Disabilities

http://www.c-c-d.org

Council for Learning Disabilities

http://www.cldinternational.org

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)

http://ericir.syr.edu Federal Resource Center for Special Education

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http://www.dssc.org/frc

Internet Resource for Special Children

http://www.irsc.org

Learning Disabilities Association of America

http://www.ldanatl.org

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National Information Center for Children and Youth With Disabilities (NICHCY)

http://www.nichcy.org

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER) Center

http://www.pacer.org

SAMSHSA

http://www.disabilitydirect.gov

SandraRief.com

http://sandrarief.com

TeachingLD

http://www.dldcec.org

US Department of Education

http://www.ed.gov

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