

COST

WHAT WILL I PAY OUT-OF-POCKET?

Many medicines for ADHD work equally well. They may differ a lot in the out-of-pocket cost to you based on your insurance plan. Cost is often good to think about when picking a medicine.

If the out-of-pocket cost of medicine is important to you, please fill in this table.

You can find out your costs by talking to your insurance company. You can call the phone number or go to the website listed on your insurance card.

Medication Type	Cost			
	Brand name	30 day supply	90 day supply	Generic Available
METHYLPHENIDATES				
	Ritalin			Methylin
	Metadate CD			Methylin ER
	Concerta			Methylphenidate HCL ER Tablets
	Ritalin LA			Methylin ER
	Focalin			no
	Focalin XR			no
	Daytrana			no
	Aptensio XR			no
	Quillivant XR			no
AMPHETAMINE SALTS				
	Dexedrine			Dextroamphetamine
	Adderall			Dextroamphetamine-Amphetamine
	Dexedrine Spansule			Dextroamphetamine
	Adderall XR			Dextroamphetamine-Amphetamine ER
	Vyvanse			no
	Evekeo			no
ATOMOXETINE				
	Strattera			no
GUANFACINE				
	Tenex			Guanfacine
	Intuniv			no



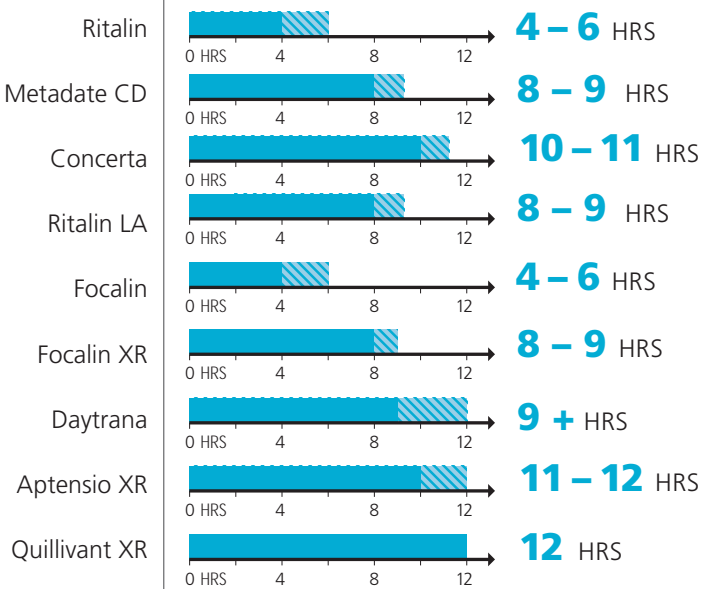
DURATION

HOW LONG WILL MEDICINE LAST?

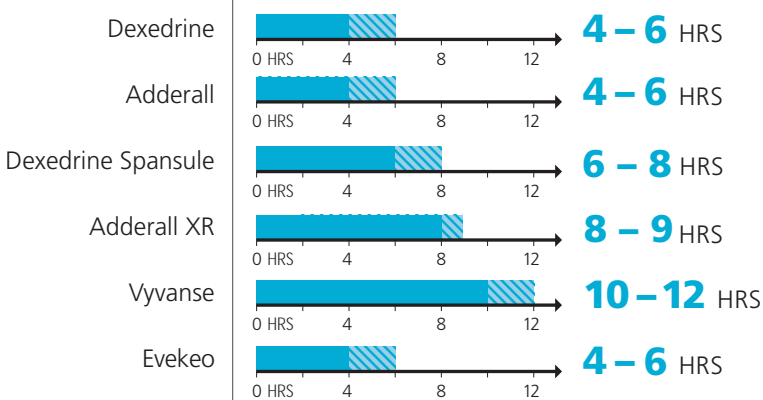
Medication

Duration

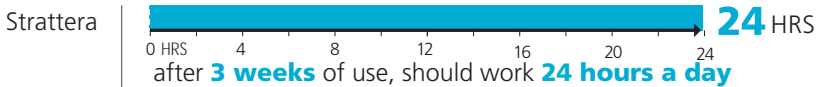
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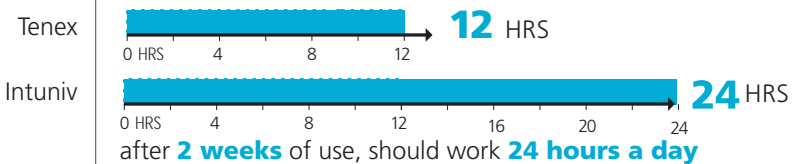
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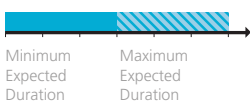
ATOMOXETINE



GUANFACINE



Key:



* Based on FDA-approved drug labeling



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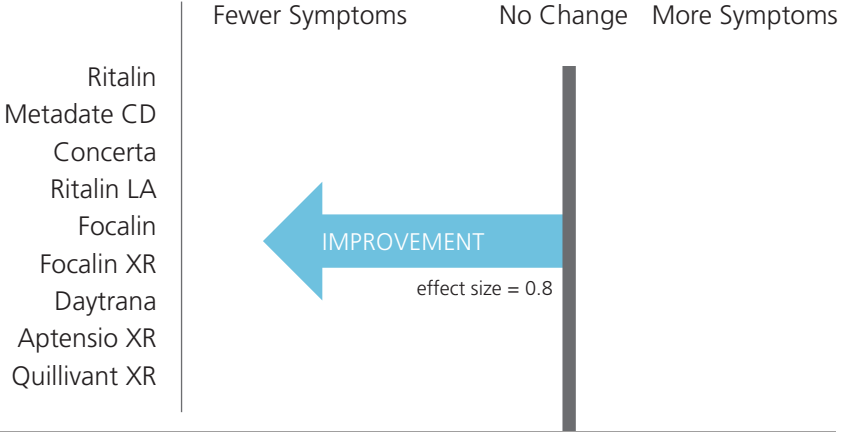
IMPROVEMENT

HOW MUCH WILL MEDICINE HELP?

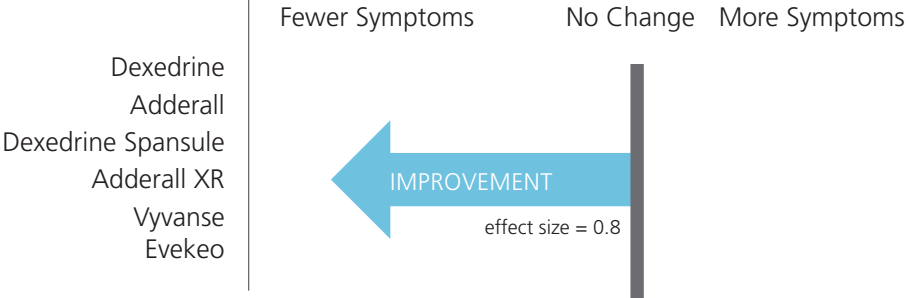
Medication Type

Short Term ADHD Symptom Reduction

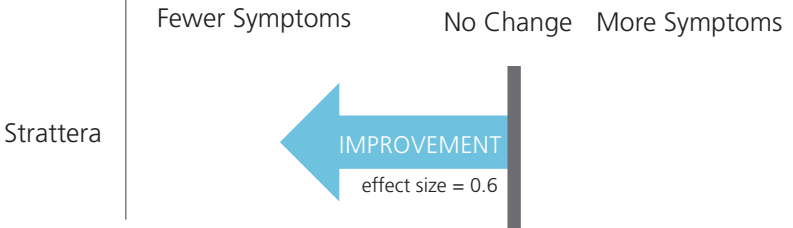
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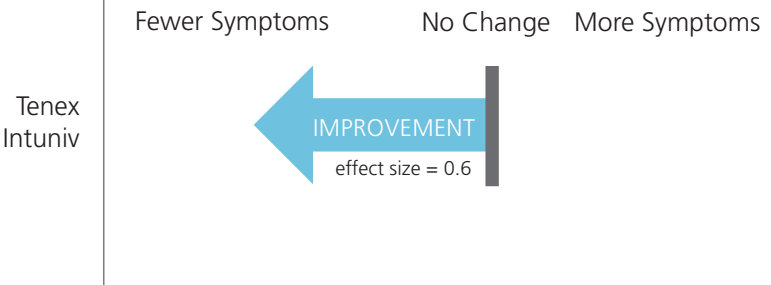
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Effect Size: The amount of improvement in ADHD symptoms from taking medicine.

Small effect = 0.2 - 0.4

Medium effect = 0.5 - 0.7

Large effect > 0.8



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DAILY ROUTINE

DOES MY CHILD NEED TO SWALLOW A PILL?

Medication	Times / day	When Taken	Method
METHYLPHENIDATES			
Ritalin	2 – 3 / day	 AM  4 hrs  4 hrs	Swallow whole or CRUSH to put in food
Metadate CD	1 / day	 AM 45 minutes before class or activity	Swallow, or sprinkle in applesauce, pudding, or yogurt
Concerta	1 / day	 AM 90 minutes before class or activity	Swallow ONLY
Ritalin LA	1 / day	 AM 45 minutes before class or activity	Swallow, or sprinkle in applesauce, pudding, or yogurt
Focalin	2 – 3 / day	 AM  4 hrs  4 hrs	Swallow whole or CRUSH to put in food
Focalin XR	1 / day	 AM 45 minutes before class or activity	Swallow, or sprinkle in applesauce, pudding, or yogurt
Daytrana	1 / day	 AM 2 hours before class or activity, lasts 3 hours after removal	Patch
Aptensio XR	1 / day	 AM 45 minutes before class or activity	Swallow, or sprinkle in applesauce, pudding, or yogurt
Quillivant XR	1 / day	 45 minutes before class or activity	Swallow liquid
AMPHETAMINE SALTS			
Dexedrine	2-3 / day	 AM  4 hrs  4 hrs	Swallow whole or CRUSH to put in food
Adderall	2-3 / day	 AM  4 hrs  4 hrs	Swallow whole or CRUSH to put in food
Dexedrine Spansule	1 / day	 AM AM 60 minutes before class or activity	Swallow ONLY
Adderall XR	1 / day	 AM 45 minutes before class or activity	Swallow, or sprinkle in applesauce, pudding, or yogurt
Vyvanse	1 / day	 AM 60 minutes before class or activity	Swallow, or sprinkle in applesauce, pudding, or yogurt, or dissolve in liquid
Evekeo	2-3 / day	 AM  4 hrs  4 hrs	Swallow whole or CRUSH to put in food
ATOMOXETINE			
Strattera	1 / day	 AM OR  PM *	Swallow
GUANFACINE			
Tenex	2 / day	 AM AND  PM	Swallow whole or CRUSH to put in food
Intuniv	1 / day	 AM OR  PM *	Swallow ONLY

* Take pill in the morning, or at night if causing drowsiness.
It takes **2 to 3 weeks** for medicine to reach beneficial level.



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SIDE EFFECTS

WHAT SHOULD I WATCH FOR?

Medication Type	Most Common	Less Common	Least Common
METHYLPHENIDATES			
Ritalin Metadate CD Concerta Ritalin LA Focalin Focalin XR Aptensio XR Quillivant XR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decreased appetite• Weight loss• Trouble falling asleep• Stomach aches• Headaches• Increased crabbiness• Irritability• Mood swings• Increased anxiety and/or crying• Rebound of ADHD symptoms• Grumpiness as medication wears off• Social withdrawal or overly focused on tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dry mouth• Fatigue• Tics (nervous twitches or vocalizations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased heart rate and/or blood pressure• Growth suppression or delay• Hallucinations (seeing or hearing something that is not real)
Daytrana (Methylphenidate patch)	Same as above, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Also skin irritation or rash at the site of application• Pain (stinging/burning) when removed	Same as above	Same as above

AMPHETAMINE SALTS

Dexedrine Adderall Dexedrine Spansule Adderall XR Vyvanse Evekeo	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
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ATOMOXETINE

Strattera	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nausea• Vomiting• Fatigue• Decreased appetite• Abdominal pain• Drowsiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headaches• Irritability• Weight loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased heart rate and/or blood pressure,• Growth suppression or delay
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GUANFACINE

Tenex Intuniv	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drowsiness• Headaches• Fatigue• Sedation• Dizziness• Irritability• Stomach aches• Nausea
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