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Adderall

Generic Name: [amphetamine and dextroamphetamine](#) (am FET a meen and DEX troe am FET a meen)
Brand Names: *Adderall*, *Adderall XR*

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What is Adderall?

Adderall contains a combination of amphetamine and dextroamphetamine. Amphetamine and dextroamphetamine are central nervous system stimulants that affect chemicals in the brain and nerves that contribute to hyperactivity and impulse control.

Adderall is used to treat narcolepsy and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Adderall may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Important information

You should not use Adderall if you have glaucoma, severe anxiety or agitation, or a personal or family history of tics (muscle twitches) or Tourette's syndrome.

Do not use Adderall if you have taken an MAO inhibitor in the past 14 days. A dangerous drug interaction could occur. MAO inhibitors include isocarboxazid, linezolid, phenelzine, rasagiline, selegiline, and tranylcypromine.

Amphetamine and dextroamphetamine may be habit forming. Never share this [medicine](#) with another person, especially someone with a history of drug abuse or addiction. Keep the medication in a place where others cannot get to it. Using this medication improperly can cause death or serious [side effects](#) on the heart.

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You should not use Adderall if you are allergic to amphetamine or dextroamphetamine or if you have:

- glaucoma;
- severe anxiety, tension, or agitation; or
- a personal or family history of tics (muscle twitches) or Tourette's syndrome.

Some stimulants have caused sudden death in people with serious heart problems or congenital heart defects. Tell your [doctor](#) if you have:

- heart disease, heart rhythm disorder;
- coronary artery disease (hardened arteries); or
- history of heart attack.

To make sure this medicine is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have:

- high blood pressure;
- a history of mental illness or psychosis;
- peripheral vascular disease such as Raynaud's syndrome;
- epilepsy or other seizure disorder; or
- if you have a history of drug or alcohol addiction.

Adderall may be habit forming. Never share this medicine with another person, especially someone with a history of drug abuse or addiction. Keep the medication in a place where others cannot get to it.

FDA [pregnancy](#) category C. It is not known whether this medication will harm an unborn baby. Adderall could cause premature birth, low birth weight, or withdrawal symptoms in a newborn if the mother takes the medicine during pregnancy. Tell your doctor if you are [pregnant](#) or plan to become pregnant while using this medication.

See also: [Pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (in more detail)

Amphetamine and dextroamphetamine can pass into breast milk and may harm a nursing baby. You should not breast-feed while you are using this medication.

Long-term use of this medicine can slow a child's growth. Tell your doctor if the child using this medication is not growing or gaining weight properly.

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Take Adderall exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Follow all directions on your prescription label. Your doctor may occasionally change your dose to make sure you get the best results. Do not take this medicine in larger or smaller amounts or for longer than recommended.

Do not crush, chew, break, or open an extended-release capsule. Swallow it whole.

Your doctor will need to [check](#) your progress while you are using Adderall.

This medication can cause unusual results with certain medical tests. Tell any doctor who treats you that you are using this medicine.

Store at room temperature away from moisture, heat, and light.

Keep track of the amount of medicine used from each new bottle. Adderall is a drug of abuse and you should be aware if anyone is using your medicine improperly or without a prescription. Using this medication improperly can cause death or serious side effects on the heart.

What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency [medical attention](#) or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222. An overdose of amphetamine and dextroamphetamine can be fatal.

What should I avoid?

This medication may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be alert.

Do not take Adderall late in the day. A dose taken too late in the day can cause sleep problems (insomnia).

Avoid drinking fruit juices or taking vitamin C at the same time you take this medicine. Fruit juice and vitamin C can make [your body](#) absorb less of the amphetamine and dextroamphetamine.

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Get emergency [medical help](#) if you have any of these signs of an allergic reaction to Adderall: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Stop using Adderall and call your doctor at once if you have:

- fast, pounding, or uneven heartbeats;
- pain or burning when you urinate;

talking more than usual, feelings of extreme happiness or sadness;

- numbness, tingling, or strange sensations under [your skin](#) ;
- numbness, pain, cold feeling, unexplained wounds, or [skin](#)  color changes (pale, red, or blue appearance) in your fingers or toes;
- tremors, hallucinations, unusual behavior, or motor tics (muscle twitches);
- penis erection that is painful or lasts 4 hours or longer (rare); or
- dangerously high blood pressure (severe headache, buzzing in your ears, anxiety, confusion, chest pain, shortness of breath, uneven heartbeats, seizure).

Common Adderall side effects may include:

- nausea, loss of appetite, stomach pain;
- dry mouth;
- anxiety, agitation, mood changes, feeling nervous;
- sleep problems (insomnia); or
- headache, weakness, dizziness.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

See also: [Side effects](#) (in more detail)

What other drugs will affect Adderall?

Ask your doctor before using an antacid or other stomach acid reducer (Nexium, Pepcid, Prevacid, Prilosec, Protonix, Tagamet, Zantac, and others). Some of these medicines can change the way your body absorbs amphetamine and dextroamphetamine, and may increase side effects.

Other drugs may interact with Adderall, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal products. Tell each of [your health](#)  care providers about all medicines you use now and any medicine you start or stop using.

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- Your pharmacist can provide more information about Adderall.

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Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use Adderall only for the indication prescribed.

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