

What is ADHD?

- Difficulty paying attention
- Hyperactivity
- Impulsivity

Common Types of Stimulant ADHD Medications

- Adderall
- Vyvanse
- Ritalin

Resources

- For more information visit drugabuse.org
- If you or someone you know needs help with an addiction to any drug abuse please call 1-800-622-HELP or visit www.samhsa.gov



ADHD Medication





Effects of Different Dosages

- Most ADHD medications come in a variety of colors. The different colors reflect different dosages.
- Doctors carefully consider an individuals medical history before prescribing medication
- A particular dosage of ADHD medication will effect every individual in a different way
- Higher doses, even in people who are prescribed these medications, can result in serious side effects such as an increased heart rate

Dangers of ADHD Medication Abuse

- Reliance on these medications to study
- Inability to remember information studied
- Insomnia
- Shakiness
- Appetite fluxuation

Other Considerations

• ADHD medications will show up on drug tests, so if you are prescribed these medications make sure to tell your employer or coach



Dangerous Combinations

 Combining ADHD Medications with sleeping pills or alcohol is very dangerous and potentially deadly



Important Points

- ADHD medications do <u>NOT</u> make you smarter
- ADHD medications do <u>NOT</u> all work the same way
- Abusing ADHD medications <u>CAN</u> have serious negative effects
- Everyone does <u>NOT</u> react to ADHD medications in the same way