

Adverse Effects of Selected Medications used in the Treatment of ADHD in Adults

FDA Approved ADHD Medications	
Medication	Adverse Effects
Stimulants (e.g., methylphenidate [Ritalin], amphetamines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anorexia • Dry mouth • Gastrointestinal effects • Generalized anxiety/pain • Headache • Insomnia • Jitteriness • Mild increase in blood pressure and pulse • Moodiness • Irritability
Atomoxetine (Strattera)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anorexia • Constipation • Dry mouth • Dysuria • Erectile dysfunction/ decreased libido • Insomnia • Liver damage (rare) • Mild appetite suppression • Mild increase in diastolic blood pressure and pulse • Nausea • Sweating

Off-Label Use Medications	
Medication	Adverse Effects
Bupropion (Wellbutrin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constipation • Dry mouth • Headache • Insomnia • Nausea • Sweating
Clonidine extended-release (Kapvay)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowsiness • Dizziness • Fatigue • Hypotension
Guanfacine extended-release (Intuniv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowsiness • Dizziness • Fatigue • Xerostomia
Desipramine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anorexia • Blurred vision • Constipation • Drowsiness • Dry mouth • Increase in blood pressure and pulse • Insomnia • Orthostatic hypotension • Prolonged QT interval