

Table 2: Interventions for Minimizing Drug Misuse Based on Patient Risk

PATIENT RISK	INTERVENTIONS
Low risk for misuse	Education, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abuse Potential ▪ Consequences of sharing or selling ▪ Interactions with illicit substances ▪ Safe storage Check prescription monitoring program, if available
High risk for misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education ▪ Check prescription monitoring program, if available ▪ Use delayed release preparations ▪ Prescribe small quantities at a time
Red-flag¹ behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education ▪ Check prescription monitoring program, if available ▪ Pill counts at each visit ▪ Urine drug screens

¹Red -flag behavior: missed appointments, early refill requests, appearing intoxicated at visit, requesting dose increase.

Adapted from: Modesto-Lowe, et al. Universal precautions to reduce stimulant misuse in treating Adult ADHD. Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine, August 2015.