

First-line (Long-Acting Medications) - Take once a day

	Adderall XR®	Biphentin®	Concerta	Strattera®	Vyvanse®
What is the brand name?	Adderall XR®	Biphentin®	Concerta	Strattera®	Vyvanse®
What is the generic name?	mixed salts amphetamine	methylphenidate	methylphenidate	atomoxetine	lisdexamfetamine dimesylate
Who makes it?	Shire Canada Inc.	Purdue Pharma	Janssen-Ortho Inc.	Eli Lilly Canada Inc.	Shire Canada Inc.
What strengths does it come in?	5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 25 mg, 30 mg	10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 50 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg	18 mg, 27 mg, 36 mg, 54 mg	10 mg, 18 mg, 25 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg	20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 50 mg, 60 mg capsules
What are the important non-medicinal ingredients?	Gelatin capsules (edible inks, kosher gelatin, titanium dioxide), hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methacrylic acid copolymer, opadry beige, starch, sugar spheres, talc, triethyl citrate, dyes	Gelatin, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methyl acrylic acid copolymer, polyethylene glycol, sugar beads, talc, iron oxide, titanium dioxide, triethyl citrate, dyes	Butylated hydroxytoluene, carnauba wax, cellulose acetate, hypromellose, lactose, phosphoric acid, poloxamer, polyethylene glycol, polyethylene oxides, povidone, propylene glycol, sodium chloride, stearic acid, succinic acid, synthetic iron oxides, titanium dioxide, triacetin	Pregelatinized starch, dimethicone, gelatin, sodium lauryl sulfate, synthetic yellow iron oxide, red iron oxide, titanium dioxide and dyes	Croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose and capsule shells which contain gelatin, titanium dioxide, yellow iron oxide and dyes
How do I take the drug?	Only by mouth, once a day early in the morning (with or without food).	Only by mouth, once a day, at breakfast time	Only by mouth once a day in the morning (with or without food)	Only by mouth, (with or without food)	Only by mouth, once a day in the morning (with or without meals)
Can I sprinkle it on food?	Open capsules and sprinkle all the beads on applesauce. Take immediately. Do not chew or crush the capsule or the beads.	Open capsules and sprinkle on applesauce, ice cream or yogurt. Take immediately. Do not chew or crush the beads.	Do not chew, crush or divide the tablets. Do not cut the tablets in half with a knife or other instrument.	Do not open the capsules.	Open capsules and dissolve entire contents in a glass of water and take immediately, do not store for future use.
What type of medication is it?	Stimulant	Stimulant	Stimulant	Not a stimulant	Stimulant
Will I notice it working right away?	Yes	Yes	Yes	It will take 1 to 4 weeks for you feel a difference.	Yes
How long does it work?	10-12 hours	10-12 hours	10-12 hours	Up to one day	10-12 hours
How does it work?	It helps increase attention (including the ability to follow directions and finish tasks) and decreases impulsiveness and hyperactivity. Some beads work right away and other beads work later in the day so you get medicine all day long.	It helps increase attention and decrease impulsiveness and hyperactivity. Some beads work right away and other beads work later in the day so you get medicine all day long.	It helps increase attention and decrease impulsiveness and hyperactivity. Part of the tablet dissolves right away and the rest of the medication is slowly released during the day so you get medicine all day long.	Strattera works differently from the other medicines used for the treatment of ADHD. Even though it works differently, it helps increase attention and decrease impulsiveness and hyperactivity. It is the only drug for ADHD that works all day and all night while you are taking it.	It helps to increase attention (including ability to following directions and finish tasks) and decreases impulsiveness and hyperactivity.
What are the most common side effects?	Loss of appetite, stomach ache, difficulty sleeping, weight loss, dry mouth	Headache, difficulty sleeping, feeling nervous, anxiety, loss of appetite, stomach ache, feeling sick to the stomach	Headache, stomach ache, difficulty sleeping, dry mouth, feeling sick to the stomach, loss of appetite	Upset stomach, decreased appetite, nausea or vomiting, dizziness, tiredness, constipation, low blood pressure.	Upper belly pain, headache, dizziness, irritability, nausea, weight loss, loss of appetite, trouble sleeping, feeling sick to the stomach

What do I need to tell my doctor before I take this medication?

Tell your doctor if your child has one or more of the following:

- Heart disease, heart defects or high blood pressure
- Family history of sudden death or death related to heart problems
- Participates in hard exercise
- Takes other ADHD drugs
- Have abnormal thoughts or visions, hears abnormal sounds or voices or has bipolar or depression
- Has feelings of sadness, worthless or hopelessness
- Family history of suicide, depression or bipolar
- Have tics or Tourette’s syndrome
- History of seizures or have had an abnormal brain wave test (EEG)
- Hardened arteries or problems with your blood vessels
- Have glaucoma
- Thyroid problems
- Taken or have taken medications from a group called monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOI) within the last 14 days
- History of drug or alcohol abuse

Tell your doctor if your child develops any of the above conditions or symptoms while taking their medication.

Call your doctor right away if you/ your child have any signs of heart problems such as chest pain, shortness of breath, or fainting while taking their medication.

Call your doctor right away if you/your child has any new or worsening mental symptoms or problems while on the medication *especially seeing or hearing things that are not real, believing things that are not real, or are suspicious.*

Tell your doctor if the patient who is taking the medication is pregnant or plans to become pregnant; is breastfeeding or plans to breastfeed.

What other things should I know?

As with all medications, never share with anyone else and take only the number of capsules prescribed by your doctor.

The tablet does not dissolve completely after all the drug has been released into your body. You may notice it in your stool.

Strattera rarely causes liver damage. Call your doctor if you have Dark urine, yellow skin or eyes, upper right-sided tenderness in your belly, itching or flu-like symptoms

Link to Health Canada approved consumer information

<http://webprod.hc-sc.gc.ca/dpd-bdpp/index-eng.jsp>

Enter the brand name of your medication in the box called Product Name. For example type in Biphentin. Click on search. Click on the first DIN in column 2. Click on Product Monograph, and then go to Information for the consumer section near the end of the document. OR, ask your pharmacist for the Health Canada approved “Part III” Consumer Information. **DO NOT ACCEPT PHARMACY GENERATED CONSUMER INFORMATION AS IT MAY NOT BE ACCURATE AND / OR UP TO DATE.** Ask for the Health Canada approved version.