

## QUICK REFERENCE FOR COMMONLY USED MEDICATIONS

### ADHD (STIMULANTS)

<b>MEDICATION GROUP</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>SIDE EFFECTS</b>
<b><i>Stimulants (short acting)</i></b> <i>Ritalin, Dexedrine</i>	Inattention, hyperactivity associated with ADHD - Autism - Tourette Syndrome	- Increased attention span -Decreased impulsivity, distractibility, restlessness -Takes effect in 1 hr. -Short acting (effect wears off immediately upon drug cessation)	-Decreased appetite -Increase insomnia -Precipitate underlying psychosis
<b><i>Stimulants (long acting)</i></b> <i>Concerta, Ritalin LA, Daytrana, Adderall, Adderall XR, Vyvanse, Focalin, Metadate CD</i>	-Inattention, hyperactivity associated with ADHD -Autism - Tourette Syndrome	-Increased attention span -Decreased impulsivity, distractibility, restlessness - Once daily dosing -Less chance for developing drug abuse/dependence	-Decreased appetite -Increase insomnia -Precipitate underlying psychosis

**ADHD  
(NON-STIMULANTS)**

<b>MEDICATION GROUP</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>SIDE EFFECTS</b>
<i>Non- Stimulants Strattera, Intuniv</i>	ADHD	-Increased attention span -Decreased impulsivity, distractibility, restlessness -Decreased sleep disturbance	-Decreased appetite -Mood swing augmentation -Decreased blood pressure -Increased suicidal ideation ( <i>rare</i> ) -Precipitate underlying psychosis

**ADHD  
(ATYPICAL ANTIDEPRESSANTS)**

<b>MEDICATION GROUP</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>SIDE EFFECTS</b>
<i>Atypical Antidepressants: Wellbutrin, Wellbutrin SR, Wellbutrin XL, Tofranil</i>	ADHD * Depression, SAD, enuresis  *Also prescribed for these conditions	-Decreased impulsivity, distractibility, restlessness -Decreased hyperactivity -Improves enuresis	-May exacerbate epilepsy/seizures -Headache, dry mouth, nausea, insomnia -May aggravate pre-existing tics

**DEPRESSION & ANXIETIES ANTIDEPRESSANTS  
(ANTIDEPRESSANTS)**

<b>MEDICATION GROUP</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>SIDE EFFECTS</b>
<i>SSRI's: Zoloft, Paxil, Luvox, Celexa, Prozac, Lexapro</i>	-Anxiety disorders -Depressive disorders -Obsessive Compulsive Disorder -Eating disorders -Impulsivity, aggression	-Decreased impulsivity -Once daily dosing (Luvox twice/day) -Improve depression -Improvement in obsessive, compulsive & perseverative behaviors	-Break thru seizures -Increased blood level of other meds -excess sweating, heat exacerbation -insomnia -irritability
<i>Trazadone</i>	-Insomnia -Aggression -Depression -Anxiety		-hallucinations -sedation -headaches -orthostatic hypotension
<i>Remeron</i>	-Depression	-Increased appetite	-weight gain -sedation -headaches

## MANIA & EXPLOSIVE BEHAVIORS (MOOD STABILIZERS)

<b>MEDICATION GROUP</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>SIDE EFFECTS</b>
<i>Anticonvulsants: Tegretol, Depakote, Lamictal, Topamax, Depakene, Klonopin, Keppra</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Bipolar Disorder (mania)</li> <li>-Disruptive behavior disorders</li> <li>-Explosive behavior disorders</li> <li>-Tourette Syndrome</li> <li>-Schizoaffective Disorder</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mood stabilization</li> <li>-May be used in hyperactive students w/ epilepsy</li> <li>-Effective when aggression related to hyperactivity or organic brain syndrome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dizziness, poor balance</li> <li>-Drowsiness</li> <li>-Requires routine monitoring of liver function, bone marrow, CBC, and serum drug levels</li> </ul>
<i>Atypical Antipsychotics: Abilify, Zyprexa, Zydis, Seroquel, Risperdal, Geodon, Invega, Haldol</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Bipolar Disorder (mania)</li> <li>-Tourette Syndrome</li> <li>-Schizoaffective Disorder</li> <li>-Schizophrenia (psychotic symptoms)</li> <li>- Explosive behavior disorders</li> <li>-Severe self-injurious behaviors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mood stabilization</li> <li>-Stabilize explosive behavior in autism (Risperdal)</li> <li>-Tranquilizing effect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Weight gain</li> <li>-Sleepiness, poor coordination</li> <li>-Increased potential for Type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome</li> <li>-Heat sensitivity, hyperthermia</li> <li>-Increased potential of extrapyramidal effects (TD, akathisia, acute dystonia)</li> </ul>
<i>Atypical Antipsychotics: Clozaril, Mellaril</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Severe schizophrenia unresponsive to other antipsychotic medications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Improve aggressive behaviors associated with schizophrenia, autism</li> <li>-Decrease suicidality in people with schizophrenia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-cardiac arrhythmias (life-threatening)</li> <li>-seizures</li> <li>-bone marrow suppression</li> <li>- Heat sensitivity, hyperthermia</li> <li>-Increased potential of extrapyramidal effects (TD, akathisia, acute dystonia)</li> </ul>

**ANXIETY – SELF INJURIOUS – MANIA – MIGRAINE  
(MISCELLANEOUS DRUGS)**

<b>MEDICATION</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>SIDE EFFECTS</b>
<b><i>Noradrenergic:</i></b> <i>Inderal*</i> <i>Clonidine**</i> <i>Tenex**</i>	- Explosive behavior -Acute performance anxiety* -PTSD* -Migraine prophylaxis* -ADHD** -Tic disorders**	-Positive results for severe agitation, chronic aggression -Reduce rage reaction	-Sedation -Slowed heart rate -Hypotension -Exacerbate asthma, diabetes*
<i>Naltrexone</i>	-Self injurious behavior (autism)	-Decrease SIB & hyperactivity	-Impaired liver function -Irritability -loss of appetite
<i>Ativan</i> <i>Buspar</i> <i>Xanax</i> <i>Valium</i>	-Acute, severe anxiety -Acute panic attacks	-Decreased anxiety -Decreased agitation	-Sedation -Risk of psychological dependence
<b><i>Antihistamines:</i></b> <i>Atarax</i> <i>Benadryl</i>	-Acute anxiety -Night time sedation	-Sedation -Short acting (no “hangover”)	-Dry mouth