

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

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CADDAC has followed the expertise of the CADDRA ADHD Practice Guidelines in placing medications in the first line or second line of treatment.

This will not tell you everything about ADHD medications.

Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about your medication.

What is the brand name?	Adderall XR	Biphentin	Concerta	Strattera
What is the generic name?	mixed salts amphetamine	methylphenidate	methylphenidate	Atomoxetine hydrochloride
Who makes it?	Shire	Purdue Pharma	Janssen-Ortho Inc.	Eli Lilly Canada Inc.
What strengths does it come in?	5 mg, 10 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
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, dyes
How do I take the drug?	Only by mouth	Only by mouth	Only by mouth	Only by mouth
Can I sprinkle it on food?	Open capsules and sprinkle all the beads on applesauce. Take immediately. Do not chew or crush 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.
What type of medication is it?	Stimulant	Stimulant	Stimulant	Not a stimulant
Will I notice it working right away?	Yes	Yes	Yes	It will take 1 to 4 weeks for you feel a difference.
How long does it work?	10-12	10-12	10-12	Up to one day

How does it work?	It helps increase attention 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.
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, nausea, sleepiness, tiredness, weight loss.
What do I need to tell my doctor before I take this medication?	<p>Tell your doctor if you have high blood pressure, heart problems or heart defects, thyroid problems, have had seizures in the past, have had an abnormal EEG in the past, feel sad, worthless or hopeless, have had abnormal thoughts or visions, hear abnormal sounds, have glaucoma, have tics or Tourette’s syndrome, have a blockage in your GI tract, have bipolar disorder, have any problems with your blood vessels or do hard exercise.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if anyone in your family suddenly died or died from a heart problem.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if you have ever abused or been dependent on alcohol or drugs or if you are now abusing or are dependent on alcohol or drugs.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if you are thinking about having a baby,</p>	<p>Tell your doctor if you have high blood pressure, heart problems or heart defects, thyroid problems, have had seizures in the past, have had an abnormal EEG in the past, feel sad, worthless or hopeless, have had abnormal thoughts or visions, hear abnormal sounds, have glaucoma, have tics or Tourette’s syndrome, have a blockage in your GI tract, have bipolar disorder, have any problems with your blood vessels or do hard exercise.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if anyone in your family suddenly died or died from a heart problem.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if you have ever abused or been dependent on alcohol or drugs or if you are now abusing or are dependent on alcohol or drugs.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if you are thinking about having a baby,</p>	<p>Tell your doctor if you have high blood pressure, heart problems or heart defects, thyroid problems, have had seizures in the past, have had an abnormal EEG in the past, feel sad, worthless or hopeless, have had abnormal thoughts or visions, hear abnormal sounds, have glaucoma, have tics or Tourette’s syndrome, have a blockage in your GI tract, have bipolar disorder, have any problems with your blood vessels or do hard exercise.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if anyone in your family suddenly died or died from a heart problem.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if you have ever abused or been dependent on alcohol or drugs or if you are now abusing or are dependent on alcohol or drugs.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if you are thinking about having a baby,</p>	<p>Tell your doctor if you have high blood pressure, heart problems or heart defects, thyroid problems, have had seizures in the past, have had an abnormal EEG in the past, feel sad, worthless or hopeless, have had abnormal thoughts or visions, hear abnormal sounds, have glaucoma, have a blockage in your GI tract, have bipolar disorder, have any problems with your blood vessels or do hard exercise.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if anyone in your family suddenly died or died from a heart problem.</p> <p>Tell your doctor if you are thinking about having a baby, are pregnant now or are breast-feeding a baby.</p> <p>Tell your doctor about all other medications that you take.</p>

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What are the possible serious side effects?	None listed by Health Canada	None listed by Health Canada	None listed by Health Canada	Swelling or hives – stop taking and call your doctor or pharmacist Dark urine, yellow skin or eyes, upper right-sided tenderness in your belly, flu-like symptoms – Talk to your doctor or pharmacist.
What other things should I know?			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, flu-like symptoms
Link to Health Canada approved consumer information	http://205.193.93.51/dpdonline/displayInfo.do?drugCode=bDIAvgy%2Fz98%3D Click on Product Monograph, and then go to Information for the consumer section.	http://205.193.93.51/dpdonline/displayInfo.do?drugCode=irDIhIQGQ5A%3D Click on Product Monograph, then go to Part III Consumer Information.	http://205.193.93.51/dpdonline/displayInfo.do?drugCode=dQZ3cFkMQXY%3D Click on Product Monograph, then go to Part III Consumer Information.	http://205.193.93.51/dpdonline/displayInfo.do?drugCode=or0xBpBcEYA%3D Click on Product Monograph, then go to Part III Consumer Information.