

STIMULANTS (formulations of methylphenidate or amphetamine) Side Effects

Medications in this category: Aptensio XR, Metadate ER, Metadate CD, Concerta, Daytrana, Ritalin, Ritalin LA, Methylin, QuilliChew, Quillivant, Focalin, Adderall XR (generic available), Dexedrine, Dextrostat, Dynavel XR, Evekeo, ProCentra, Vyvanse

Most common: decreased appetite, insomnia, anxiety, GI distress, irritability, tics, headache, rapid heart rate (tachycardia), high blood pressure (hypertension), dry mouth

Serious but Rare: cardiovascular problems, psychosis, seizures, addiction, aggression

Pregnancy: No apparent birth defects; may constrict blood flow to placenta, which reduces oxygen flow to developing fetus. May cause premature delivery, small-for-gestational-age and low-birth-weight babies; however, data inconclusive. Neonatal withdrawal possible.

This is a simplified list of side effects focusing on what is common or severe because complete lists of more rare and less serious side effects are often overwhelming. If desired, complete lists of potential side effects can be found on reputable web sites like Drugs.com.