

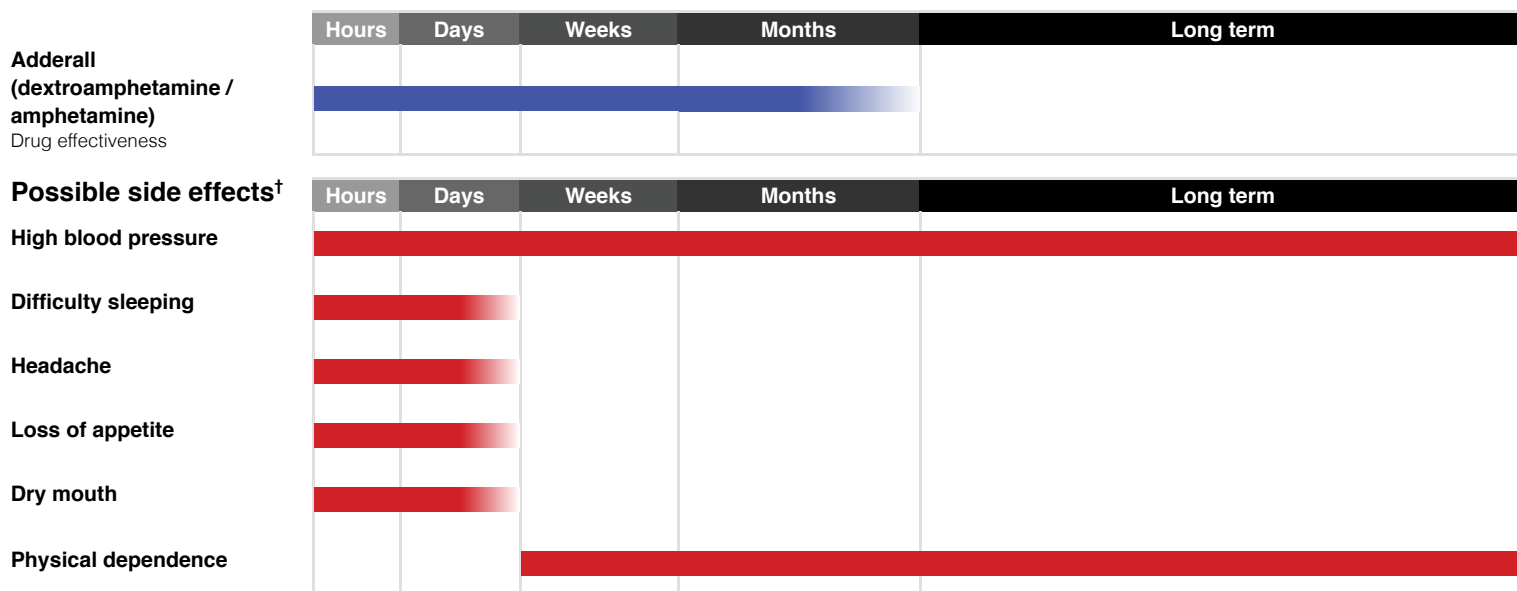
Adderall (dextroamphetamine / amphetamine) basics

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Helps you focus and stay alert. Adderall (dextroamphetamine / amphetamine) is a first-choice treatment for ADHD that's available as a generic, but it's a stimulant that can cause difficulty sleeping and other side effects.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Don't take Adderall (dextroamphetamine / amphetamine) with alcohol or illicit drugs.
- Take doses earlier in the day to avoid trouble sleeping.
- If using the extended release version, the first dose is best taken right after waking up in the morning.
- Capsules can be opened and sprinkled on applesauce, which should be eaten immediately without chewing.
- Risk of substance abuse is low if Adderall (dextroamphetamine / amphetamine) is taken as prescribed.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Serious or life-threatening cardiovascular events

There is a risk of a heart attack, stroke, and sudden death for people taking Adderall (dextroamphetamine / amphetamine). Anyone with a history of heart problems shouldn't take it, and people should be screened for heart problems before starting it. Watch out for unexplained fainting or chest pain that is triggered with physical activity.

Dependence and abuse

Adderall (dextroamphetamine / amphetamine) has a high risk of abuse and dependence. Take only what your doctor prescribes to minimize the risks of dependence and overdose. People with a history of drug abuse shouldn't take it.

Serotonin syndrome

Serotonin is one of the chemicals in your brain responsible for your mood, and serotonin syndrome is a rare, but potentially life-threatening condition where there's too much serotonin active in the brain. Symptoms include fast heart rate, sweating, muscle stiffness or spasms, fever, and confusion. Your risk goes up if you use Adderall (dextroamphetamine / amphetamine) with other medications that affect serotonin (other antidepressants, lithium, triptans, St. John's wort). Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these symptoms.