

ADHD Nonstimulant Medications

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Alpha Agonists

Guanfacine (extended release)

Brand Names	Dosage Forms	Starting Dose	Max Dose	Notes
Intuniv	1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg, 4 mg	1 mg daily	4 mg in children 6-12; 7 mg in children 13+	α-agonist (α2A-specific) Orthostasis, sedation Can be given morning or evening; can be used together with stimulant

Clonidine (extended-release)

Brand Names	Dosage Forms	Starting Dose	Max Dose	Notes
Kapvay (tablet)	0.1 mg	0.1 mg daily to BID	0.2 mg BID	α-agonist (less specific for α2A) BID dosing if higher than 0.1 mg per day
Onyda XR (suspension)	0.1mg	0.1mg at bedtime	0.4mg per day	Dosed at night for coverage throughout the next day

When discontinuing clonidine, taper dose by 0.05mg to 0.1mg every 3 to 7 days to prevent rebound hypertension.

Common Side Effects for Alpha Agonists (guanfacine and clonidine)

Lightheadedness/dizziness, especially when sitting up or standing up; mild sedation; headache.

Serious Side Effects for Alpha Agonists (Rare)

Syncope (fainting); large decreases in heart rate or blood pressure.

Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors

Atomoxetine

Brand Names	Dosage Forms	Starting Dose	Max Dose	Notes
Strattera	10 mg, 18 mg, 25 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg	10 mg or 0.5 mg/kg daily	100 mg daily	Capsule cannot be opened

Viloxazine (extended release)

Brand Names	Dosage Forms	Starting Dose	Max Dose	Notes
Qelbree	100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg	100mg (Children 6-17) 200 mg (18+)	400 mg daily (600 mg daily for adults)	Capsule can be opened and sprinkled

Common Side Effects for norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (atomoxetine and viloxazine)

Gastrointestinal side effects: upset stomach, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, reduced appetite, mild increases in irritability.

Serious Side Effects for norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (Rare)

Severe irritability and suicidal ideation.