

ADHD MEDICATION – PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Medicinal forms	Products on UK market	Bioequivalent?	Prescribe generically?	Guidance for primary care
METHYLPHENIDATE				
Immediate release tabs 5mg, 10mg, 20mg	Medikinet Generic Ritalin Tranquilin	✓ These products are interchangeable.	✓ 'Methylphenidate ? mg tablets'	Switching between these products can be undertaken in primary care. DO NOT switch between immediate release and XL preparations.
Modified release tabs 18mg, 27mg, 36mg, 54mg	Affenid XL Concerta XL Delmosart XL Matoride XL Xaggitin XL Xenidate XL	✓ These 6 products are interchangeable.	✓ 'Methylphenidate XL tablets ? mg'	A combination of strengths can be prescribed to achieve the full dose, e.g. Concerta XL 36mg + Concerta XL 18mg to achieve a total dose of 54mg Switching <u>between</u> these products can be undertaken in primary care by prescribing a like-for-like dose, e.g. instead of “Concerta XL 18mg tablets” prescribe “Methylphenidate XL 18mg tablets” DO NOT switch between immediate release and XL preparations. DO NOT prescribe or dispense the US import Ritalin SR 20mg tabs
Modified release caps	Medikinet XL Equasym XL Metyrol XL Ritalin XL	X These products have different release profiles.	X Please prescribe by brand name only.	DO NOT switch between products in primary care. Advise patient to contact specialist.
LISDEXAMFETAMINE				
Immediate release caps	Elvanse	X	X	DO NOT switch to/from lisdexamfetamine in primary care. Advise patient to contact specialist.
DEXAMFETAMINE				
Immediate release tabs	Amfexa Generic	✓	✓ 'Dexamfetamine ? mg tablets'	DO NOT switch to/from dexamfetamine in primary care. Advise patient to contact specialist.
Modified release caps	Dexedrine	n/a		
Oral solution	Generic	n/a		
GUANFACINE				
Modified release tabs	Intuniv	n/a		DO NOT switch to/from guanfacine in primary care. Advise patient to contact specialist.
ATOMOXETINE				
Immediate release caps	Atomaid Generic Strattera (disc ^d)	✓	✓ 'Atomoxetine ? mg capsules'	DO NOT switch to/from atomoxetine in primary care. Advise patient to contact specialist.
Oral solution	Strattera			