



ADR

Tip of the Month

ADHD medications

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder management includes psycho-educational measures and medications.

Products like amphetamine, methylphenidate and atomoxetine are cardiovascular stimulants that, in rare cases, are associated with serious arrhythmia, stroke, cardiac arrest or sudden death.

Physicians should:

- Review family history for heart-related conditions or sudden cardiac death.
- Enquire about involvement in strenuous exercises or activities.
- Refrain from using ADHD drugs in the presence of:
 - moderate to severe hypertention
 - symptomatic cardiovascular disease
 - known structural cardiac defects or
 - hyperthyroidism.

***Please report all serious
adverse drug reactions (ADRs).***