

Once-daily ADHD Therapy Provides Symptomatic Relief, from School to Homework to Play, And Gives Parents Control Over Medication

(NAPSA)—Anyone affected by attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) knows that its symptoms—inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity—are not limited to the classroom. In fact, ADHD is often serious enough to interfere with a child's ability to function at school, at home, or in social situations.

Now there's hope for children suffering from this all-day disorder. In a recent study, a once-daily medication was shown to help children with ADHD improve their behaviors all day, from breakfast to math class to soccer practice.

Study Indicates Once-Daily Medication Safe and Effective

A study published in the American Academy of Pediatric's medical journal shows that one morning dose of ADDERALL XR™ (mixed salts of a single-entity amphetamine product), a once-daily medication for the treatment of ADHD, is safe and effective at controlling symptoms of the disorder throughout the day.

Involving more than 500 children, the study was one of the largest ADHD trials conducted in a home and school environment, and showed that ADDERALL XR was effective in children who previously took an ADHD medication, as well as those who never took medication.

"Children diagnosed with ADHD face significant challenges in all aspects of their lives and should be treated with a medication that helps them at home, school, and in social situations year round," said the study's lead investigator Dr. Joseph Biederman, Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School and Chief of the Pediatric Psychopharmacology Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital. "Once-daily dosing of ADDERALL XR gives parents control of when their children take the medication and may help to reduce the stigma associated with in-school dosing."

Benefits of One Dose

ADHD medications that must



be taken during the school day put the responsibility for dosing on school personnel or the child. With many schools lacking a school nurse, the responsibility for dispensing medication often falls in the hands of people who are not medically trained, including school secretaries, parent aides, and teachers.

Dosing just once a day benefits both the child and the people who support the child in his or her treatment.

Managing ADHD with Treatment

Although there is no "cure" for ADHD, physicians, parents, teachers, nurses, and advocates are finding ways to help people with the condition learn to adapt to their academic, social, and work settings. ADHD usually can be successfully managed with a combination of treatments, including educational approaches, psychological and behavioral therapies, and medication.

Whatever you do, get a proper diagnosis and get proper treatment for your child. Studies show that up to 66 percent of children with ADHD will continue to show symptoms into adulthood.

The most common side effects of ADDERALL XR are decreased appetite, loss of sleep (insomnia), abdominal pain, and emotional lability. Amphetamines have a high potential for abuse.

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