

Withdrawal Symptoms Associated with Eight Medications for Prescribing

Medication Class: Generic	Withdrawal Symptoms
Stimulants: Methylphenidate, dextroamphetamine, amphetamine salts	Rebound (phenomenon in which ADHD symptoms “worsen” at end of day when medication wears off)
α-2adrenergic agonists: Guanfacine, clonidine	Elevated blood pressure, nervousness, headache, confusion
SNRI: Atomoxetine	None: tapering unnecessary
SSRIs: Fluoxetine, sertraline, escitalopram	Especially shorter half-life SSRIs, such as sertraline: flu-like syndrome; dizziness (most common), nausea or emesis, fatigue, headache, gait instability, insomnia, mood changes, myalgia

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