

STIMULANT EQUIVALENCY TABLE

Name	Dose	Comments			
methylphenidate (Ritalin)	10 mg (BID or TID)	•Short acting (3-4h): Ritalin, Methylin •Intermediate-acting (6-8h): Ritalin-SR, Methylin ER, Metadate ER. •Long-acting (8-10h): Ritalin LA, Metadate CD, Daytrana (patch) •Longest-acting (10-13h): Concerta			
D-methylphenidate (Focalin)	5 mg (BID or TID)	Widely believed to be twice the potency (and the package insert suggests it ought to be dosed as such), though some research has suggested it may have <u>more</u> than twice the potency of Ritalin (citing that the L-isomer interferes with action of D) and that it may have a slightly longer duration of action.			
Focalin XR	10 mg *Equal to TDD of Focalin IR	decomply plantique conc. (19g/ml.)	● Focalin® RR 20 mg ○ Focalin® RR 20 mg ○ Focalin® RR 20 x 10 mg ■ 12 16 28 24 time [h] S	imilar distribution and elimination to twice	
Concerta	36 mg Other doses: (Ritalin = Concerta) 5 mg = 18 mg 15 mg = 54 mg	Mean Plasma Methypheridate Corcanta Son (righm.) O	8 12 16 20 24 28 32 Time (h)	ovel in its distribution without bimodal peaks	
methylphenidate patch (Daytrana)	10 mg	"Nominal" or goal dose, since the actual amount of MPH in the patch reflects TDD rather than sustained concentration.			
Nominal Dose Delivered (mg	Dosage Rate* (i	ma/hr)	Patch Size (cm ²)	Methylphenidate Content per	
Over 9 Hours*	1.1	,	12.5	Patch (mg) 27.5	
15	1.6		18.75	41.3	
20	2.2		25	55	
30 3.3 37.5 82.5 *Nominal <i>in vivo</i> delivery rate in children and adolescents when applied to the hip, based on a 9-hour wear period.					
mixed amphetamine salts (Adderall)	5 mg BID (10 mg Adderall XR)	Probably twice as potent and lasts 4-5 hrs rather than Ritalin's 3-4 hrs. If Adderall lasts 5 hours, expect Adderall XR to last about 10 hours (or double). However, see caveat below.			
dextroamphetamine (Dextrostat or Dexedrine)	3.75 mg BID	*75% of Adderall dose since "mixed" amphetamines are 3:1 Dextro- verses Levo- enantiomer Similar pharmacokinetics to Adderall. Note that elimination is variable because rates of excretion and absorption are sensitive to gastric and bladder pH. Acidic = low absorption & fast excretion /Alkaline = high absorption & low excretion •Diet high in citrus fruits, vegetables, or dairy products increase urine pH •Diet high in meat products or cranberries can decrease urine pH			
Dexadrine Spansules	7.5 mg	Probably lasts 8-10 hours but can be quite variable. Equal to TDD of Dexadrine IR.			
Lisdexamfetamine (Vyvanse)	25 mg	A bit tricky: A prodrug that is converted to dextroamphetamine by the hydrolytic activity of red blood cells. The "conversion rate" is measured at 0.2948, meaning 30mg Vyvanse is equal to 8.85 mg dextroamphetamine, or 11.8 mg Adderall.			