

MEDICATION GUIDE
STRATTERA® (Stra-TAIR-a)
(atomoxetine hydrochloride)

Read the Medication Guide that comes with STRATTERA® before you or your child starts taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking to your doctor about you or your child's treatment with STRATTERA®.

What is the most important information I should know about STRATTERA®?

The following have been reported with use of STRATTERA®:

1. Suicidal thoughts and actions in children and teenagers

Some children and teenagers may have a higher chance of having suicidal thoughts or actions. Tell your child or teenager's doctor if your child or teenager (or there is a family history of):

- has bipolar illness (manic-depressive illness)
- had suicide thoughts or actions before starting STRATTERA

The chance for suicidal thoughts and actions are higher:

- early during STRATTERA treatment
- during dose adjustments

Prevent suicidal thoughts and action in your child or teenager by:

- paying close attention to your child or teenager's moods, behaviors, thoughts, and feelings during STRATTERA treatment
- keeping all follow-up visits with your child or teenagers doctor as scheduled

Watch for the following signs in your child or teenager during STRATTERA treatment:

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| • anxiety | • trouble sleeping | • aggressiveness | • mania |
| • agitation | • irritability | • impulsivity | • depression |
| • panic attacks | • hostility | • restlessness | • suicide thoughts |

Call your child or teenagers doctor right away if they have any of the above signs, especially if they are new, sudden, or severe. Your child or teenager may need to be closely watched for suicidal thoughts and actions or need a change in medicine.

2. Severe liver damage

Call your doctor right away if you or your child have the following signs of liver problems:

- itching
- right upper belly pain
- dark urine
- yellow skin or eyes
- unexplained flu-like symptoms

3. Heart-related problems:

- sudden death in patients who have heart problems or heart defects
- stroke and heart attack in adults
- increased blood pressure and heart rate

Tell your doctor if you or your child have any heart problems, heart defects, high blood pressure, or a family history of these problems. Your doctor should check you or your child carefully for heart problems before starting STRATTERA®.

Your doctor should check you or your child's blood pressure and heart rate regularly during treatment with STRATTERA.

Call your doctor right away if you or your child has any signs of heart problems such as chest pain, shortness of breath, or fainting while taking STRATTERA®.

4. New mental (psychiatric) problems in children and teenagers:

- new psychotic symptoms (such as hearing voices, believing things that are not true, are suspicious) or new manic symptoms

Call your child or teenager's doctor right away about any new mental symptoms. STRATTERA treatment may be stopped.

What Is STRATTERA®?

STRATTERA® is a selective norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI) medicine. It is used for the treatment of attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). STRATTERA® may help increase attention and decrease impulsiveness and hyperactivity in patients with ADHD.

STRATTERA® should be used as a part of a total treatment program for ADHD that may include counseling or other therapies.

STRATTERA® has not been studied in children less than 6 years old.

Who should not take STRATTERA®?

STRATTERA® should not be taken if you or your child:

- are taking or have taken within the past 14 days an anti-depression medicine called a monoamine oxidase inhibitor or MAOI.
- have an eye problem called glaucoma
- are allergic to anything in STRATTERA®. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients.

STRATTERA® may not be right for you or your child. Before starting STRATTERA® tell your or your child's doctor about all health conditions (or a family history of) including:

- have or had suicide thoughts or actions
- heart problems, heart defects, high blood pressure, or low blood pressure
- mental problems psychosis, mania, bipolar illness, or depression
- liver problems

Tell your doctor if you or your child is pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

Can STRATTERA® be taken with other medicines?

Tell your doctor about all of the medicines that you or your child take including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. STRATTERA® and some medicines may interact with each other and cause serious side effects.

Your doctor will decide whether STRATTERA® can be taken with other medicines.

Especially tell your doctor if you or your child takes:

- asthma medicines
- anti-depression medicines including MAOIs
- blood pressure medicines
- cold or allergy medicines that contain decongestants

Know the medicines that you or your child takes. Keep a list of your medicines with you to show your doctor and pharmacist.

Do not start any new medicine while taking STRATTERA® without talking to your doctor first.

How should STRATTERA® be taken?

- **Take STRATTERA® exactly as prescribed. STRATTERA® comes in different dose strength capsules.** Your doctor may adjust the dose until it is right for you or your child.
- **Do not chew, crush, or open the capsules.** Swallow STRATTERA® tablets whole with water or other liquids. Tell your doctor if you or your child cannot swallow STRATTERA® whole. A different medicine may need to be prescribed.

Avoid touching a broken STRATTERA capsule. Wash hands and surfaces that touched an open STRATTERA capsule. If any of the powder gets in you or your child's eyes, rinse them with water right away and call your doctor.

- STRATTERA® can be taken with or without food.
- STRATTERA is usually taken once or twice a day. Take STRATTERA at the same time each to help you remember. If you miss a dose of STRATTERA, take it as soon as you remember that day. If you miss a day of STRATTERA, do not double your dose the next day. Just skip the day you missed.
- From time to time, your doctor may stop STRATTERA® treatment for awhile to check ADHD symptoms.
- Your doctor may do regular checks of the blood, heart, and blood pressure while taking STRATTERA®. Children should have their height and weight checked often while taking STRATTERA®. STRATTERA® treatment may be stopped if a problem is found during these check-ups.
- **If you or your child takes too much STRATTERA® or overdoses, call your doctor or poison control center right away, or get emergency treatment.**

What are possible side effects of STRATTERA®?

See “**What is the most important information I should know about STRATTERA®?**” for information on reported suicidal thoughts and actions, other mental problems, severe liver damage, and heart problems.

Other serious side effects include:

- serious allergic reactions
- slowing of growth (height and weight) in children
- problems passing urine including:
 - trouble starting or keeping a urine stream
 - cannot fully empty the bladder

Common side effects in children and teenagers include:

- upset stomach
- decreased appetite
- nausea or vomiting
- dizziness
- tiredness
- mood swings

Common side effects in adults include:

- constipation
- dry mouth
- nausea
- decreased appetite
- dizziness
- trouble sleeping
- sexual side effects
- menstrual cramps
- problems passing urine

STRATTERA may affect you or your child's ability to drive or operate heavy machinery. Be careful until you know how STRATTERA affects you or your child.

Talk to your doctor if you or your child has side effects that are bothersome or do not go away.

This is not a complete list of possible side effects. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information

How should I store STRATTERA®?

- Store STRATTERA® in a safe place at room temperature, 59 to 86° F (15 to 30° C).
- **Keep STRATTERA® and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about STRATTERA®

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use STRATTERA® for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give STRATTERA® to other people, even if they have the same condition. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about STRATTERA®. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about STRATTERA® that was written for healthcare professionals. For more information about STRATTERA® call 1-800-545-5979 or visit www.strattera.com.

What are the ingredients in STRATTERA®?

Active Ingredient: atomoxetine hydrochloride

Inactive Ingredients: The capsule shells contain gelatin, sodium lauryl sulfate, and other inactive ingredients. The capsule shells also contain one or more of the following: FD&C Blue No. 2, synthetic yellow iron oxide, titanium dioxide, red iron oxide. The capsules are imprinted with edible black ink

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