What is ADHD?

- Difficulty paying attention
- Hyperactivity
- Impulsivity

Common Types of Stimulant ADHD Medications

- Adderall
- Vyvanse
- Ritalin

Resources

- For more information visit drugabuse.org
- If you or someone you know needs help with an addiction to any drug abuse please call 1-800-622-HELP or visit www.samhsa.gov
Effects of Different Dosages

- Most ADHD medications come in a variety of colors. The different colors reflect different dosages.
- Doctors carefully consider an individual's medical history before prescribing medication.
- A particular dosage of ADHD medication will effect every individual in a different way.
- Higher doses, even in people who are prescribed these medications, can result in serious side effects such as an increased heart rate.

Dangers of ADHD Medication Abuse

- Reliance on these medications to study
- Inability to remember information studied
- Insomnia
- Shakiness
- Appetite fluxuation

Other Considerations

- ADHD medications will show up on drug tests, so if you are prescribed these medications make sure to tell your employer or coach.

Important Points

- ADHD medications do NOT make you smarter
- ADHD medications do NOT all work the same way
- Abusing ADHD medications CAN have serious negative effects
- Everyone does NOT react to ADHD medications in the same way.

Dangerous Combinations

- Combining ADHD Medications with sleeping pills or alcohol is very dangerous and potentially deadly.