

# SIGNS & SYMPTOMS Rx Drugs: **STIMULANTS**

## Street Names

Uppers, Dexies, Bennies, Pep pills

## Method of Use

Swallowed, Snorted, Injected

- Amphetamines (Adderall, Dexedrine)
- Methylphenidate (Concerta, Ritalin)



## Symptoms/ Effects of Use

- Reduced appetite/weight loss (leads to malnourishment)
- Hostility/aggressiveness
- Paranoia/panic
- Irritability
- Rapid speech
- Restlessness
- Nosebleeds, sinus problems (if snorting)
- Increased/irregular heart rate
- Increased blood pressure
- Dangerously high body temperatures
- Increased alertness, attention, and energy
- Potential for cardiovascular failure (stroke) or seizures
- Hallucinations/tremors



## What to look for...

- Mood swings
- Increased energy (that is out of the ordinary)
- Missing medications
- Doctor shopping
- Faking an illness (frequenting wanting to go to the doctor)
- Unexplained loss of money



## Withdrawal Symptoms

- Mood changes
- Increased appetite
- Agitation
- Depression
- Excessive sleep
- Vivid dreams

**Note:** Each person may experience different symptoms/effects. This list is not inclusive. For more information, visit [www.drugabuse.go](http://www.drugabuse.go)