

HOW STRATTERA WORKS

Stimulants act on dopamine (DA) pathways^{i,ii}

Prefrontal cortex
"Self control / regulation centre"ⁱⁱⁱ

Nucleus accumbens
"Reward centre"ⁱⁱⁱ

Striatum
"Motor centre"ⁱⁱⁱ

Strattera acts on noradrenaline (NA) pathwaysⁱⁱⁱ

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PREFRONTAL CORTEX = Helps you to manage your attention, behaviour and emotions.
This is where we believe the main problems for ADHD occur.
STRIATUM = Linked to movement problems such as tics.
NUCLEUS ACCUMBENS = Linked to potential drug abuse problems.ⁱⁱⁱ

- Stimulants are used as a first line treatment for ADHD, however this therapy may not be suitable for every patient^{iv}
- Strattera is available to patients who need another treatment option due to side effects or contraindications to the stimulants^v
- **Strattera works differently from stimulants**^{i,iii}
- It acts on a chemical in the front part of the brain that controls attention, behaviour and emotionⁱⁱ
- Strattera starts to improve symptoms gradually^v

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

- Strattera improves the symptoms of your ADHD, and will continue to improve them over time^v
- There is **very little risk of addiction** with Strattera^v
- You may start to feel some of the effects of Strattera at 1 week^v
- It can take around 6-9 weeks to feel the full effects of Strattera^{vi}
- If you experience any side effects, they should be mild to moderate^v
- Strattera works when you need it to, **from early morning through to the evening**^{vii}

Tips for taking Strattera

- Take Strattera at around the same time every day^v
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible
- Do not take a larger dose than has been prescribed
- Capsules should not be opened^v
- You can take Strattera with or without food – food might help to reduce nausea^{v,viii}
- If you have any concerns, talk to your doctor

Check the Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) in your pack of Strattera and always follow your doctor's advice.



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