

Pharmacy Pearls

Amphetamine Salts Shortage

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Availability Update

- **Generic Adderall XR® 5mg, 15mg, & 25mg are available at UR pharmacies.** If a patient requires 10 mg XR, 20mg XR or 30 mg XR doses, providers can try sending script for multiples of 5 mg XR or 15 mg XR capsules, but insurance quantity limits may prohibit coverage.
- **Generic Adderall® IR is available in all strengths except 5 mg at UR pharmacies.** For patients requiring 5 mg, write for one-half of a 10 mg tablet.

As a reminder, UR pharmacies deliver and ship medications for no additional charge.

Alternatively, dextroamphetamine and lisdexamfetamine (Vyvanse®) are pharmacologically similar to Adderall® and may be suitable alternatives. Vyvanse® is considerably more expensive.

Medication	Onset	Duration
<i>Short Acting</i>		
Dextroamphetamine IR (\$\$)	30 – 60 minutes	4 – 6 hours
Adderall® IR (\$)	30 minutes	5 – 8 hours
<i>Intermediate Acting</i>		
Dextroamphetamine ER (\$\$)	60 – 90 minutes	6 – 10 hours (variable)
<i>Long Acting</i>		
Lisdexamfetamine (Vyvanse®) (\$\$\$)	30 minutes	10 – 12 hours
Adderall XR® (\$\$)	90 – 120 minutes	10 – 12 hours

Amphetamine Conversions

Adderall to Dextroamphetamine IR				Adderall to Vyvanse		
Adderall® IR	Adderall XR®	D-AMP IR	D-AMP ER	Adderall® IR	Adderall XR®	Vyvanse®
5 mg BID	10 mg AM	2.5 – 5 mg BID	5 mg AM	5 mg BID	10 mg AM	20-30 mg AM
10 mg BID	20 mg AM	7.5 – 10 mg BID	10 mg AM	10 mg BID	20 mg AM	50 mg AM

Switching from Adderall® IR to ER: The maximum recommended dose of Adderall® is 40 – 60 mg/day. For patients on higher doses, consider initiating 30 mg ER and increasing if needed.

Dextroamphetamine IR is available generically as 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, and 30 mg tablets which can be split. If coverage is a barrier, GoodRx coupons bring the cost to ~\$20 per month.