

Questions to ask an ADD / ADHD Specialist

Consulting with an ADD/ADHD specialist or an experienced psychiatrist can help you understand the pros and cons of medication. Here are some questions to ask:

What ADD/ADHD treatments do you recommend?

Can my child's symptoms be managed without medication?

What medications do you recommend and what are the side effects?

How effective is medication for my child's ADD/ADHD?

How long will my child have to take medication?

How will the decision be made to stop medication?

Questions about ADD/ADHD medication and your child

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When is my child at his or her best?

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