



Guanfacine



About

Guanfacine acts on part of the brain to improve attention, and it also reduces blood pressure.

It may be offered to teenagers and children over the age of 5 if it's not possible to use methylphenidate or lisdexamfetamine. Guanfacine should not be offered to adults with ADHD.



Taking the Medication

Guanfacine is usually taken as a tablet once a day, in the morning or evening. If your child is prescribed this medication, they'll probably be given small doses at first, which may then be gradually increased. Your child will need to see a doctor for regular check-ups to ensure the treatment is working effectively and check for signs of any side effects or problems.



Side Effects

Common side effects include:

- tiredness or fatigue
- headache
- abdominal pain
- dry mouth



Further Information

You can read further information ADHD and treatments available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder-adhd/treatment/>

