

Information for Patients and Families Regarding ADHD Medication Shortages

We are committed to helping you manage your ADHD symptoms well. This includes making sure that you can take your medicine consistently without disruptions. Over the past year, we have had spotty shortages of a variety of ADHD medications. This is not limited to our practice. This issue has impacted all patients, providers, and pharmacies across the country.

In order to make sure that we maintain lawful, safe prescribing practices, we ask that you partner with us to do the following:

1. BE FAMILIAR WITH PRACTICE POLICY ON ADHD REFILLS

ADHD medication requests can take up to **3 business days** from the date requested. Please plan ahead to ensure that you do not run out of medicine while waiting for a refill.

2. CONFIRM THAT THE PHARMACY HAS YOUR MEDICINE

If you get to the pharmacy and find out that it does not have your medicine in stock, please contact other pharmacies in the area to make sure another one has your medicine before you contact our office to resend the prescription. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources or staffing to contact pharmacies for all of our patients.

3. DO NOT SHORT-FILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION

If your pharmacy offers to fill less than your 30-day supply, do not get it filled if you need the full 30-days. If your prescription for the month is short-filled, we will not be able to send another prescription that month.

ADHD medications are **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** that are stringently regulated and monitored. All prescriptions we send are run through the EPCS database that tracks the prescribing patterns of doctors/ APPs as well as the patients who fill them. This is why we are unable to send multiple prescriptions for the same patient in the same month. We want to make sure that you can continue to get these medications safely and on time. Thank you for your understanding and for partnering with us in your ADHD management.