

Algorithm for the Pharmacological Treatment of ADHD with Comorbid Anxiety Disorder, revised 2005.

Stage 0

Any stage(s) can be skipped depending on the clinical picture.

Diagnostic Assessment and Family Consultation Regarding Treatment Alternatives

Non-Medication Treatment Alternatives

Stage 1

Atomoxetine

Methylphenidate or Amphetamine

ADHD and Anxiety Both Improved

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Continuation

No Response of ADHD or Anxiety

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ADHD Symptoms Improve but not Anxiety

Stage 2

Methylphenidate or Amphetamine

Atomoxetine

Add an SSRI

Maintenance

*ADHD = Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
SSRI = Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor*