

# METHYLPHENIDATE

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is a stimulating drug which is related to the amphetamine family of drugs, with a complementary mechanism of action. It blocks the reuptake of catecholamines in the synaptic cleft between synapses whilst stimulating the presynaptic release of catecholamines. Unlike amphetamines, methylphenidate is a better reuptake blocker than it is in its releasing agent role. Methylphenidate is currently used in the treatments of hyperactivity disorders and narcolepsy. It is currently a controlled substance in the U.S. due to the probability of becoming addicted to taking it.

METHYLPHENIDATE: "Methylphenidate, otherwise known as Ritalin is currently unused as alongside antidepressant drugs to reduce their effect of reducing concentration and alertness."

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