

Table 4.2 Nonstimulant Medications Used in the Treatment of ADHD

	Duration of action	Available dosages	Cost*	Comments
<i>Selective Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor</i>				
Strattera capsules (atomoxetine)	24 hours	10, 18, 25 mg	\$\$\$	The only drug listed here that the FDA has approved for treatment of ADHD; takes about three weeks to see the full effect.
		40, 60, 80 mg	\$\$\$\$	
<i>Tricyclic Antidepressants</i>				
Tofranil (imipramine)	12 hours	10, 25, 50, 75, 100 mg	\$	Not indicated if glaucoma is present; side effects include sleepiness, constipation, dry mouth, an irregular heart rate; very dangerous in overdose.
<i>Centrally Acting Alpha-2 Agonist</i>				
Catapres (clonidine)	8–12 hours	0.1 mg	\$	Abrupt stopping of medication can cause side effects such as a jump in blood pressure or heart rate.
		0.2 mg	\$\$	

Tenex (guanfacine)	8–12 hours	1, 2 mg	\$\$	Abrupt stopping of medication can cause side effects such as a jump in blood pressure or heart rate.
<i>Aminoketone Class Antidepressant</i>				
Wellbutrin SR (bupropion)	12 hours	100, 150 mg 200 mg	\$\$\$ \$\$\$\$	Same drug that has been used for smoking cessation; not indicated if an eating disorder or seizure disorder is present.
Wellbutrin XL (bupropion)	24 hours	150, 300 mg	\$\$\$\$	Same drug that has been used for smoking cessation; not indicated if an eating disorder or seizure disorder is present.

*Cost per thirty tablets or capsules: \$: less than \$25; \$\$: \$25–50; \$\$\$: \$50–100; \$\$\$\$: \$100–150