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ADHD CARDIAC SCREENING

Stimulant medications are generally the first line of medications used to treat ADHD. The following questions serve as a cardiac risk assessment in the event that your child is diagnosed with ADHD and stimulant medications are part of their treatment program.

The following questions pertain to symptoms in your child:

Symptom	No	Yes - explain
Fainting or dizziness		
Seizures		
Diagnosis of rheumatic fever		
Noticeable changes in exercise tolerance		
Heart palpitations		
High blood pressure		
Viral illness with chest pain		

The following questions pertain to family history:

Symptom	No	Yes - explain
Sudden death or heart event before the age of 35		
Sudden death during exercise		
Cardiac arrhythmias like Wolff-Parkinson-White		
Cardiomyopathy		
Dilated cardiomyopathy		

If any of the above questions are answered with a yes, a cardiac screening with at least an ECG or rhythm check will be recommended before medications are started.

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