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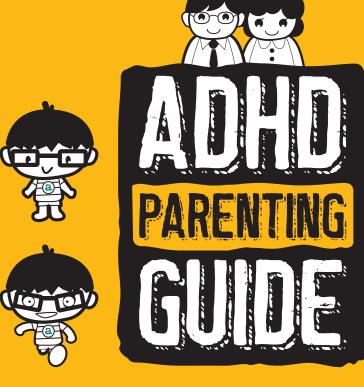


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#### MEET ADRIAN

Adrian is 8 years old this year. He enjoys drawing, playing catch with his friends and is particularly good with Lego. He may seem like your typical playful schoolboy who is full of energy.

This booklet has been written to provide you with some practical coping strategies for day-to-day situations. We hope it will answer some of the questions you may have about ADHD and give you the confidence to support your child, and help them overcome any difficulties they may face. If you have any further questions or concerns about your child's ADHD, please contact your doctor or healthcare professional for advice.

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# BE CLEAR ON ADHD

IT IS A COMPLEX Neurobiological

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The causes have not been established but

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CURE

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TREATMENT<sup>2</sup>



Close to TWENTY

children are diagnosed with ADHD

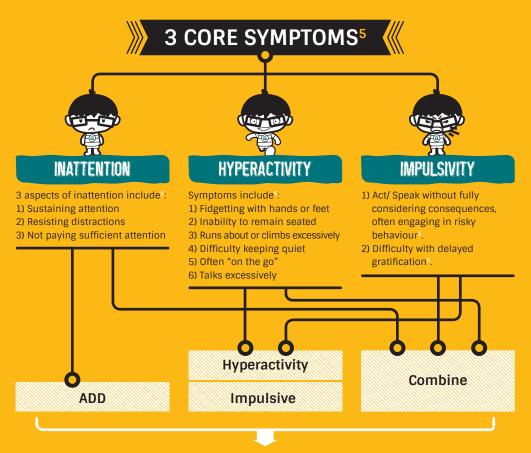


ADHD is a neurobiological disorder. Research shows strong evidence that the malfunction of Dopamine and Norepinephrine (neurotransmitters) play a large role in ADHD-type behaviours.<sup>5</sup>

AFFECTS MORE BOYS THAN GIRLS



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#### OCOMMONLY CO-OCCUR WITH ADHD

ODD (Oppositional Defiant Disorder)

Pattern of negative, hostile, and defiant behaviour including frequent loss of temper, arguing, refusal to obey rules, intentionally annoying others, blaming others.

Learning disability

Children with ADHD frequently have problems with reading fluency and mathematical calculations. Problems are associated with attention, memory and executive function difficulties.

Conduct disorder

Persistently violates rights of others or societal rules. Aggression towards others and animals, destruction of property, deceitfulness, theft, rule violation.

Anxiety

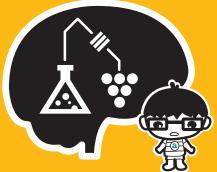
Excessive worry that occurs frequently and is difficult to control. Symptoms include feeling restless, edgy, easily fatigues, irritability, and sleep disturbances.

Depression

Commonly low mood for days, over/under eating or sleeping, low energy and self-esteem, poor concentration, feeling hopeless.

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# DIAGNOSIS ADID



ADHD cannot be detected from any laboratory tests. No urinalysis, blood test, CAT scan, MRI, EEG, PET or SPECT scan can help to diagnose the disorder. The diagnosis is made on the basis of observable behavioural symptoms, in more than one setting.

### EARLY WARNING SIGNS<sup>2</sup>

Frequently exhibits ADHD symptoms - inattentive, impulsivity, hyperactivity or any similar behavioural problems.





- Your child's withdrawn behaviours or frequent disciplinary problems seem to be more than the usual difficulties of childhood.
- 2. Schedule a meeting as soon as possible with the school counsellor and teachers. They are able to:
  - observe your child's behaviour in group settings.
  - compare your child's behaviour against children of the same age groups.

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## **EVALUATION**<sup>2</sup>

A doctor is able to give a careful evaluation of your child's behavioural problems using The American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) recommended guidelines.

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## THE PROCEDURE<sup>1</sup>

AAP (2000) recommends that clinicians collect the following information:

- 1. A thorough medical and family history.
- **2.** A medical examination for general health and neurologic status.
- **3.** A comprehensive interview with the parents, teachers and child.
- **4.** Standardized behaviour rating scales, including ADHD specific ones completed by parents, teachers, and the child when appropriate.
- **5.** Observation of the child behaviour.
- **6.** A variety of psychological tests to measure IQ and social and emotional adjustment. These tests also help to determine the presence of specific learning disabilities, which can cooccur with ADHD.

YES



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### LEVEL OF FUNCTIONS<sup>2</sup>

By considering the child's current level of functioning and the extent in which a child's behaviour interfere with his/her ability to function in social settings, the doctor or other health professionals can begin to arrive at a better idea of whether ADHD is the best explanation for the problems.

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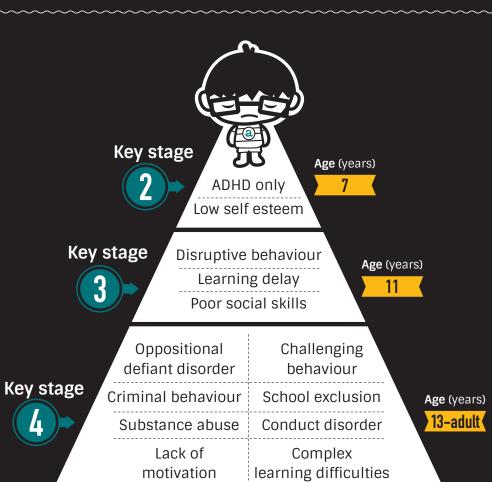
# ADHD OR COEXISTING PROBLEM OR BOTH<sup>2</sup>

Two thirds of children with ADHD have one or more co-existing conditions - e.g. depression, anxiety, learning disabilities, and language disorders. It is important to consider that such accompanying disorders can have a profound effect on how well your child functions behaviourally, emotionally, socially, and academically.

Healthcare professionals working with your child will carefully consider whether such disorders may be your child's central challenge. To determine this, further evaluation, including referrals to other specialists, may be necessary.

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# # IMPACT AND CONSEQUENCES



## FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

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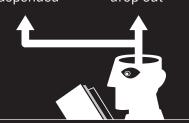
sibling fights<sup>8</sup>





## SCHOOL AND OCCUPATION

suspended





low occupational

## HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

more hospital and ER visits<sup>2</sup>



accidents1



### **EMPLOYER**



absenteeism and low productivity°

#### SOCIETY

Substance Use Disorders

earlier onset

less likely to quit in adulthood<sup>6</sup>



speeding tickets



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# POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Have a sense of humor - there are many challenges so you need a double dose of this.

# **COMMON SENSE®**

Keep things in perspective and refrain from being a perfectionist.

# ORGANISE<sup>2</sup>

Organise your life in ways that will allow you to manage your family's challenges.

# BELIEVE IN THEM

Most of the unacceptable behaviours are unintentional so believe that they can learn, change, mature and succeed.

SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE WITH ADHO



Whoopi Goldberg

Sir Richard Branson

Michael Phelps



# BELIEF SYSTEM

Changing the way you view your child will help them change their self-concept.

# TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF'

Eat right, keep fit, beat stress, remember to seek support when you need help, take a break when you are feeling a little exhausted.

# KNOWLEDGE"

Be scientific, question everything, remain open to new information, seek knowledge and be voracious about it.

# **ACCEPTANCE**\*

Accept what your child is and may become, and, equally important, what your child is not and may never be.

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#### **MEDICATION**

Management of ADHD symptoms with the use of medication. eg. Methylphenidate<sup>1</sup>

> Combination of **Treatments**

> > Medication

**Behaviour Therapy** 



#### **BEHAVIOUR THERAPY**

Manage and shape a child's behaviour using behavioural management techniques.1





"The largest study of long-term treatment for ADHD (Multimodal Treatment Study) found that stimulants used as the sole form of treatment lead to significantly better results for the core symptoms of ADHD than behaviour therapy used alone. A combination of the 2 approaches lead to the best overall improvement, especially in the areas of oppositional and aggressive behaviour, social skills, parent-child relations and in some areas of academic achievement."2,3

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## **MEDICATIONS**

#### Stimulants

- · Most prescribed
- Proven effectiveness
- · Prescribed as an alternative treatment<sup>4</sup>

Non-Stimulants

- Benefit generally observed after 2-8 weeks
- · Strong clinical evidence · Less but sufficient clinical evidence



Short-Acting (e.g. Methylphenidate Hydrochloride IR)<sup>s</sup>

4 hours

Medium-Acting (e.g. Methylphenidate Hydrochloride SR or LA)7

Long-Acting (e.g. Methylphenidate HCl ER Tablets)

Long

0-17 yo Intermedium Acting

0-17 yo Short Acting

Research on medication use has shown that healthcare professionals prescribe long acting medication 78% of the time for patients age 0 to 17°



Stimulants work by stimulating the brain to make slightly more of the brain chemicals (neurotransmitters) that help us focus, control our impulses, organize, plan, and stick to routines. The use of stimulants can be compared to wearing glasses for a person with poor vision, because stimulants help "put things into focus" for a child. Far from making a child someone he is not, stimulants act as medication that can help many children with ADHD be who they are. 10,11



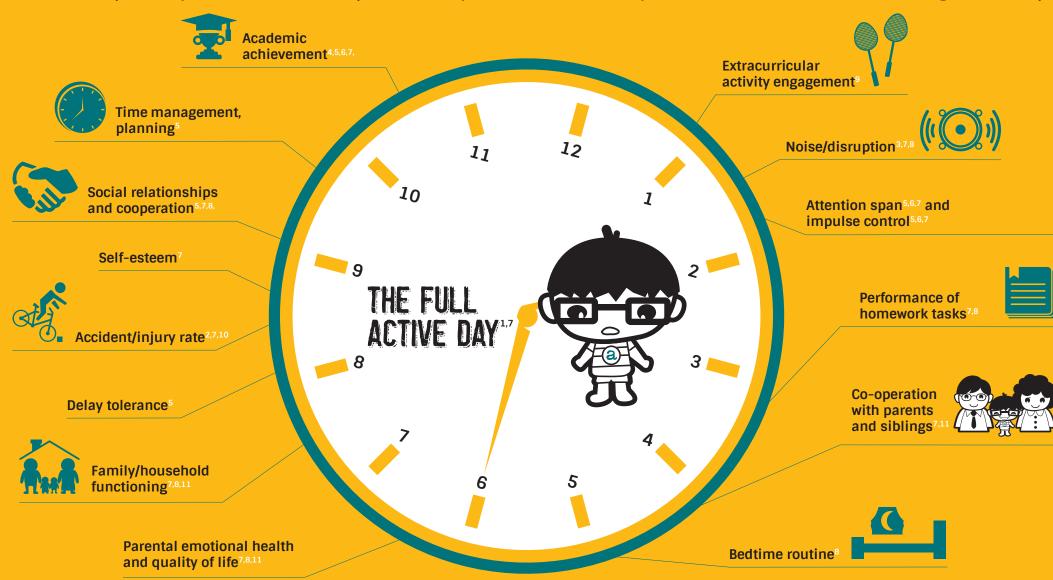
Stimulants are considered effective and safe medications. Despite controversies of potential abuse, there is no evidence that stimulants produce "euphoric" effects in children when restricted to normal treatment. Furthermore, research has shown that stimulant therapy in childhood is associated with a reduced risk for subsequent drug and alcohol use disorders. 12,13

Non-stimulants may also be prescribed as an alternative treatment for ADHD, especially when there is comorbid ADHD and tic disorder.<sup>14</sup> Because non-stimulants are newer, the evidence base that supports them is considerably smaller than that for stimulants. Nonetheless, research has shown that non-stimulants are generally effective in the treatment of ADHD in the longer term but with a smaller effect size than stimulants.15

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# ISSUES CONFRONTING CHILDREN WITH ADHD

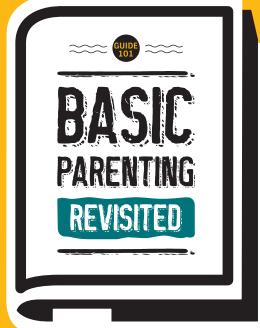
A child's day encompasses a full active day. As a consequence, ADHD also impacts children and their families throughout the day.



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Your child needs to understand and take ownership of his challenges and thus, education is a critical element of treatment at every stage of development.1



Your child is NOT doomed to a life of failure if you don't protect him from every danger and solve every problem for him.



Monitoring your child's behaviour is a basic parenting responsibility but do not overdo it. Don't "snoop" on your child. 5



# DEMYSTIFY

Children often see their diagnosis as a stigma and their treatment plan as something imposed on them instead of seeing themselves as active participants.2



# CHOICES

Use "Structured Choices". For example, "Do you want to do your math or your science assignment next?"6



Make rules and enforce them. Expect rule-breaking, respond like a police officer, be respectful, consistent, and matter-of-fact. 6



Be your child's best advocate. As you discover new ways to facilitate positive behaviours, learning and self-esteem, pass it on to others in his life.3



# FOCUS ON "CAN"

Do not let him use ADHD as an excuse. Focus on what he can do rather than what he cannot. This helps him build optimism and confidence.4



# BE REALISTIC

Even with the ideal intervention in place, most children will likely still struggle at times. Don't expect too much from your child or yourself.5



Discover and nurture their strengths and talents. Celebrate their success, praise them as they overcome trials.4

# REWARDS AND DISCIPLINE

# EFFECTIVE BEHAVIOUR TECHNIQUES



- Provide rewards/privileges
- Dependent on the child's performance

Child: Completes an assignment Reward: Earns play-time on the computer

TIME-OUT



Remove access to positive reinforcement

Contingent upon the performance of unwanted/problem behaviour

Child: Hits sibling impulsively Deterrent: Sits in the corner for 5 minutes

**RESPONSE COST** 



- Withdraw rewards/privileges

- Contingent upon the performance of unwanted/problem behaviour

Child: Not completing homework **Deterrent:** Loses free-time privileges

**TOKEN ECONOMY** 



- The child earns rewards/privileges

- Contingent upon the performance of desired behaviours
- This type of positive reinforcement can be combined with response cost (where a child loses rewards/ privileges for undesirable behaviour)

Child: Completes tasks and assignments - Earns stars Child: Gets out of the seat -Losses stars

Cashes in the sum of stars at the end of the week for a prize

Many studies have shown that spanking is a less effective strategy than time-out or removal of privileges. In addition, spanking can lead to agitated or aggressive behaviour, physical injury, or resentment toward parents. Time-out involves sending the child to a specified room for a preset timeusually 1 minute per year of the child's age. (Pg 142-143)







Warning with a specific time for compliance



Non-Compliance, firmly and calmly send him to time-out



Tell him how many minutes and set a timer. Do not negotiate

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Some experts suggest adding another minute each time he leaves the timeout space



After time-out make a point to help your child reflect on what he did wrong and how he can choose differently

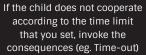


# CONSISTENCY REPETITION

### - Make it a point to follow through

- every time - You will soon find that you no longer need to continually repeat instructions as you did before
- Do not be tempted to "let it slide" as it will reduce the effectiveness of this method in future

#### TIME-OUT



# CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR O COMMUNICATION

Children with ADHD need to be told what to do in a clear, straightforward and nonemotional way if they are to learn to control their actions. You can give effective commands and instructions by

#### MINIMIZING DISTRACTIONS

Turn off or ask the child to turn off the television or computer. If you are in a noisy setting, move to somewhere quieter.

#### ESTABLISHING GOOD EYE CONTACT

Fully engage by making good eye contact. It helps to touch a younger child's arm or hold his hand before addressing him.

#### **CLEARLY STATING THE COMMAND**

State your command in a simple, nonemotional statement and not as a question. Eg. "You need to stop pushing your brother now." instead of "Would you please stop pushing your brother?". If behaviour does not stop, follow with a warning. Always keep a firm and neutral tone, refrain from shouting or looking angry.

#### REPEAT COMMAND

#### If you are unsure of whether or not the child has heard the command, get him to repeat it back to you.

#### PRAISE CHILD

#### If the child has complied with the command, make sure to praise the child.

#### - Consider the importance of every command

#### - Limit the number of commands to make it easier for you to follow up on every one



# HOW TO MELL ACADEMICALLY

60 to 80% of students with ADHD underachieve academically because of problems with work production and consistency. Only 20% have specific learning disabilities such as reading disorder, mathematics disorder, or expressive language disorder that are separate from their ADHD symptoms.<sup>2</sup>

At the start of each academic year, meet with your child's teachers to inform them of your child's condition. Keep the communication lines open all year.



## Routines and Systems

Setup after-school routines that include sports, and homework and stick to it. Use charts and checklists to help your child track his progress with chores and homework. Keep instructions brief

Checklist

# Planning & Organisation<sup>1</sup>

- Have daily and weekly organization and clean-up routines
- Check frequently on work and system of organization
- Teach your child to use a daily planner and a task organizer.
- Limit number of folders used



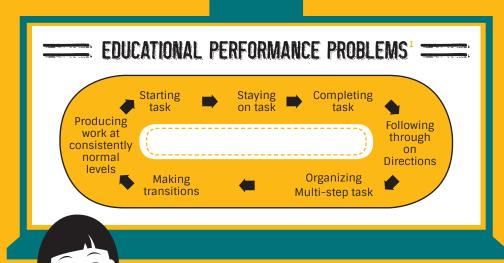
# Starting and Finishing Tasks

- Allow the child choice in tasks
- Divide larger tasks into easily completed segments.



#### Improving Their Memory<sup>1</sup>

- · Focus on one concept at a time
- Teach them memory strategies (grouping, chunking, mnemonic devices)
- Provide summaries, study guides and outlines

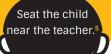


#### MANAGING SCHOOL LIFE

Identifying the greatest obstacles to the child's academic performance

Establish a system to track success and failure and adjust appropriately<sup>4</sup>

Creating a treatment plan to address these obstacles



State and post the classroom rules clearly.<sup>1</sup>

Pair student with a study buddy or learing partner who is an exemplary student.<sup>1</sup>

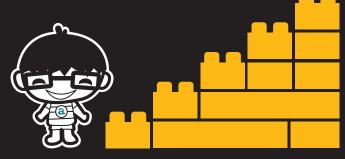
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# ORGANISATION AND ESTABLISHING ROUTINE

#### PROVIDE STRUCTURE

Picture your growing child as a building in progress, the limits, lists, routines and other measures you put in place are like scaffolding that will provide necessary support as he grows.<sup>1</sup>





Tips for structuring your child's home environment



Keep your child on a daily schedule - try to keep the time for various activites about the same each day.



#### Use charts and checklists -

Keep instructions brief, offer frequent, friendly reminders and make sure each task has been completed.



Cut down on distractions distractions for each child is different, as you identify them, eliminate them one by one.



Limit Choices - Help your child learn to make good decisions by giving 2 or 3 options at a time.



Organize Your Home - have specific logical places for your child to keep his toys, schoolwork and clothes and he is less likely to lose them.



Set small, reachable goals - This is to help the child understand that he can succeed by taking small steps and building on those successes.

# CONTACTS PROFFESSIONAL HELP

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