

ADHD Medications Online - Order Adderall No Rx

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**Adderall, a Controlled Stimulant Medication,
Is Available Without a Prescription Through the Internet**

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PRESCRIPTION NOT REQUIRED



<https://sites.google.com/view/stressreliefmeds/home>

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee:

I am pleased to be here today to summarize the results of our investigation of some of the business practices of certain U.S. Internet pharmacies that sold Adderall without a prescription. Our testimony is part of a larger body of work GAO has performed examining issues surrounding the availability and safety of prescription drugs sold over the Internet and the

business practices of certain Internet pharmacies. We conducted our work from September 2025 through November 2025 in accordance with quality standards for investigations as set forth by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

At your request, Mr. Chairman, we attempted to obtain information about the sources of Adderall that we purchased without a prescription from eight U.S. online pharmacies. Adderall is a controlled stimulant used to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and narcolepsy. Illicit use of this medication has increased significantly in recent years. We contacted one of the pharmacies that had sold us Adderall in an attempt to determine the relationship between the Internet site and the pharmacy that dispensed the medication and to find out what role a physician may have played in facilitating our purchase. We also spoke to a physician who prescribed the medication for one of our purchases and appears to be operating an Internet drug business catering almost exclusively to individuals purchasing Adderall.

Although the Internet Web site and the physician have taken some measures to disguise their operation as a legitimate enterprise, their business practices suggest otherwise.

We determined the location of the pharmacy that we contacted based on the return address on the package in which the sample was delivered. Further, posing as a relative of the customer who had purchased Adderall from this Internet pharmacy, one of our investigators spoke to the pharmacist who dispensed the drug as well as the prescribing physician. Subsequently, we conducted surveillance of the office where the physician processes Internet drug orders.

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In summary, we found that (1) one can purchase Adderall from certain Web sites on the Internet without providing a prescription or being examined by a physician; and (2) the Internet pharmacies from which we made our purchases charge significantly higher prices for the medication than walk-in pharmacies. We concluded that those who participate in Internet drug operations that operate in this manner appear to be in the business of knowingly servicing, and profiting from, individuals who may purchase Adderall for illicit purposes.

Purchases of Adderall Without Prescriptions

We obtained Adderall from eight domestic Web sites on which we placed orders without submitting a prescription or undergoing an examination by a physician. Six purchases, each from different Web sites, were dispensed by a single pharmacy located in a Southeastern state. The two remaining purchases were ordered from two separate Web sites and were dispensed by separate pharmacies located in states in the Southeast and Southwest.

We obtained the Adderall online by completing questionnaires on which a GAO staff member (the "customer") claimed he had ADHD symptoms. In addition, he claimed that his doctor had previously prescribed Adderall but that he had lost his health insurance and could not return to

his doctor for a new prescription. Five Web sites sent the medication after receiving our order and credit card payment information. We received telephone calls from the three other suppliers before our order was completed. They asked questions about our purported need for the medication and prior use.

In our attempt to determine the relationship between the Internet site and the pharmacy that dispensed the medication, and to find out what role a physician may have played in facilitating our purchase, we contacted one of the pharmacies that had sent us Adderall. We also contacted



the physician who “prescribed” a 30-day supply of the medication without seeing or speaking to the customer and without any confirmation from a physician that the customer had previously been under a doctor’s care or had received a prescription for ADHD treatment.

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This specific purchase originated on October 12, 2025, when the customer, posing as a patient experiencing ADHD symptoms, used a pseudonym to place an order for Adderall. Customers are advised on the site that they are required to (1) fill out an online questionnaire, (2) receive a phone call from a medical professional to discuss the customer’s medical condition to determine if he or she is approved for the drug, and (3) undergo a complete physical examination. If approved, the medication is billed to the customer’s credit card.

Despite the claims on the Web site, we obtained Adderall without undergoing a physical examination or producing any tangible evidence showing treatment by a doctor in the past. Indeed, the customer simply completed the online questionnaire and spoke by telephone to the physician’s representative, who offered the customer two options for satisfying the physical examination requirement: (1) for \$199, the customer could visit a physician at one of two clinics in the area; or (2) for \$49, the representative would fax or e-mail paperwork that the customer could take to his own physician to fill out and return to the pharmacy’s physician.

In addition, the representative told the customer that if he chose and paid for one of these two options with a credit card during their telephone conversation, the physician would immediately issue a 30-day prescription so that he could get his medication right away. The customer then

chose the \$49 option and provided his credit card information. After the transaction was complete, the representative reviewed the information submitted online and stated that the customer would receive e-mails containing paperwork and payment instructions. Later that day, the customer received the link for payment and paid a total of \$190 for the initial 30-day supply of Adderall.

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Subsequent Investigation

Subsequent to receipt of the Adderall, a GAO investigator, posing as a relative, contacted the pharmacy listed on the return address of the package. The pharmacist confirmed that he had sent the drug and explained that he has a business relationship with the Web site and with a physician who sent a prescription for it to the pharmacist.

The investigator then telephoned the physician, who confirmed that he prescribed the Adderall. The physician claimed he never writes prescriptions for new patients and asserts that the patient must have previously been on the medication. However, the telephone number provided by his staff was actually that of the customer, not a physician.

The physician indicated that he was operating his Internet drug business from a small clinic and acknowledged that most of his business is for Adderall. He confirmed providing prescriptions for multiple Internet drug sites, including some that were shut down previously. When asked about minors obtaining medications, he claimed that credit card requirements served as a safeguard, but admitted that parents frequently report children using credit cards to obtain medications.

The customer paid nearly ten times the standard retail price for the medication because he did not have a prescription. Street price information provided by the DEA indicates that the online purchase price was slightly less than illicit street prices.

During a site visit to the purported clinic, investigators saw no evidence of a healthcare facility. The location appeared to be a one-room office with computers and phones, staffed by employees conducting "computer consultations."

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Concluding Observations

Our investigation revealed that customers can purchase Adderall, a controlled stimulant with significant abuse potential, from certain domestic Internet sites without prescriptions. These Web sites appear to cater to customers willing to pay substantial markups for controlled

medications because they do not have prescriptions. Consequently, these operations appear to profit from illegal drug use rather than provide a safe or affordable alternative.

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