Straight Talk About Psychiatric Medications For Kids, Revised Edition
Synopsis

In this popular resource, Dr. Timothy Wilens provides essential guidance for parents facing tough choices about whether or not to give a child medication for emotional or behavioral problems. Packed with frequently asked questions, examples, and charts, the book explains which medications are prescribed for kids and why; their effects on health, emotions, and school performance; how to maximize the benefits; and when to consider other treatments instead. A special 2005 supplement advises parents on the issues surrounding the FDA "black box" warning on SSRIs for depression in children and teenagers.

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Customer Reviews

I have two children. My son has Childhood Onset Bipolar Disorder and ADD. My daughter has COBP, ADD and Anxiety Disorder. Having both the previous edition and this edition on my bookshelf has made my life so much easier in helping me and my children’s psychologist manage my children’s medication. I have felt so much better when I can come home from an office visit and look up medication and see all the potential side effects even though I also look at the pharmacutical information which comes with the medication, this book makes it much easier to understand for anyone. The book is well laid out. Part I deals with how to find out what is wrong with your child and get a diagnosis and treatment. Part II goes through the various common disorders, explaining them with examples, various treatments that may be used and volcabulary that may be
encountered. Part III then handles the psychiatric medications themselves. Again, vocabulary is given; there are tables telling you generic names, brand names and what the sizes and types of the meds are (tablets, capsules etc) and he also gives more examples and answers questions about the medication that real parents may have about that particular type of medication. Every question I had in every area was answered except one or two and they involved interaction... which, of course, I brought up with my children’s psychologist. The last section is an appendix which includes another list of the medications all together; an example of a completed medication log (very helpful!)

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