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Generic name: [methamphetamine](#) [METH-am-FET-a-meen]

Brand names: Desoxyn, Desoxyn

Drug classes: [Anorexiants](#), [CNS stimulants](#)



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What is Desoxyn?

Desoxyn is used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children at least 6 years old.

Desoxyn may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Desoxyn side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives, difficult breathing, swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Tell your doctor right away if you have new or sudden changes in mood or behavior, including new or worse depression or anxiety, [panic attacks](#), trouble sleeping, or if you feel impulsive, irritable, agitated, hostile, aggressive, restless, more active or talkative, or have thoughts about suicide or hurting yourself.

Desoxyn may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- **signs of heart problems**--chest pain, trouble breathing, feeling like you might pass out;
- **signs of blood circulation problems**--numbness, pain, cold feeling, unexplained wounds, or skin color changes (pale, red, or blue appearance) in your fingers or toes;
- a seizure (convulsions);
- muscle twitches (tics); or
- changes in your vision.

Seek medical attention right away if you have symptoms of serotonin syndrome, such as: agitation, hallucinations, fever, sweating, shivering, [fast heart rate](#), muscle stiffness, twitching, loss of coordination, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Desoxyn can affect growth in children. Tell your doctor if your child is not growing at a normal rate while using Desoxyn.

Common side effects of Desoxyn may include:

- headache or dizziness;
- fast heartbeats;
- sleep problems (insomnia);
- dry mouth;
- tremors;
- diarrhea, [upset stomach](#); or
- loss of appetite, [weight loss](#).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Warnings

Desoxyn may be habit-forming. **Misuse can cause addiction, overdose, or death.** Keep the medication where others cannot get to it. Selling or giving away this medicine is against the law.

Stimulants have caused stroke, heart attack, and sudden death in people with high blood pressure, heart disease, or a heart defect.

Call your doctor right away if you have: **signs of heart problems**--chest pain, feeling light-headed or short of breath; **signs of psychosis**--paranoia, aggression, new behavior problems, seeing or hearing things that are not real; **signs of circulation problems**--unexplained wounds on your fingers or toes.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use Desoxyn if you are allergic to stimulant medicines, or if you have:

- moderate to severe [high blood pressure](#);
- [heart disease](#) or [coronary artery disease](#) (hardened arteries);
- overactive thyroid;
- glaucoma;
- severe anxiety, tension, or agitation (stimulant medicine can make these symptoms worse); or
- a history of drug or alcohol addiction.

Do not use Desoxyn if you have used an MAO inhibitor in the past 14 days. A dangerous [drug interaction](#) could occur. MAO inhibitors include [isocarboxazid](#), linezolid, [methylene blue](#) injection, phenelzine, and [tranylcypromine](#). **Wait at least 14 days after stopping an MAO inhibitor before you take this medicine.**

Stimulants have caused stroke, heart attack, and sudden death in certain people. Tell your doctor if you have:

- heart problems or a congenital heart defect;
- high blood pressure; or
- a family history of heart disease or sudden death.

Also tell your doctor if you have or have ever had:

- depression, mental illness, [bipolar disorder](#), psychosis, or suicidal thoughts or actions;
- motor tics (muscle twitches) or [Tourette's syndrome](#);
- seizures or epilepsy;
- an abnormal brain wave test (EEG);
- a thyroid disorder;
- diabetes;

- blood circulation problems in the hands or feet; or
- kidney disease.

If you are pregnant, your name may be listed on a pregnancy registry to track the effects of [methamphetamine](#) on the baby.

Taking Desoxyn during pregnancy can cause premature birth, low birth weight, or withdrawal symptoms in the newborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

Do not breastfeed.

How should I take Desoxyn?

Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets. Use the medicine exactly as directed.

Avoid taking Desoxyn late in the evening.

Do **not** start any new medicine while taking Desoxyn without your doctor's advice.

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While using this medicine, your doctor will need to check your progress on a regular basis. **Tell any doctor who treats you that you are using this medicine.**

You may need frequent medical tests before and while using this medicine. Your treatment with Desoxyn may be discontinued.

Do not keep leftover medicine. **Just one dose can cause death in someone using it accidentally or improperly.** Ask your pharmacist about a drug take-back program, or flush the unused medicine down the toilet.

Store at room temperature away from moisture, heat, and light.

 [Detailed Desoxyn dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the medicine as soon as you can, but not late in the day. Skip the missed dose if it is almost evening. **Do not** take two doses at one time.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222. **An overdose of Desoxyn can be fatal.**

Overdose symptoms may include restlessness, tremor, muscle twitches, rapid breathing, hostility, violence, panic, [muscle pain](#) or weakness, and dark colored urine. These symptoms may be followed by depression and tiredness. Overdose may also cause seizure or coma.

What should I avoid while taking methamphetamine?

Avoid driving or hazardous activity until you know how Desoxyn will affect you. Your reactions could be impaired.

What other drugs will affect Desoxyn?

Tell your doctor about all your other medicines, especially:

- [St. John's Wort](#);
- [migraine headache](#) medicine;
- fentanyl, tramadol;
- medication to treat depression or mental illness;
- insulin;
- blood pressure medicine; or
- seizure medicine.

This list is not complete and many other drugs may affect Desoxyn. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). Not all possible [drug interactions](#) are listed here.

 [Desoxyn drug interactions](#) (more detail)

Does Desoxyn interact with my other drugs?

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Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

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