

DRUG CARD

Methylphenidate

Ritalin

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • None

Therapeutic Class: • Central nervous system stimulant

Action: improves attention span in ADHD by producing CNS stimulation

Indication: • ADHD
• Narcolepsy

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can cause sudden death, hypertension, palpitations, anorexia, hyperactivity, insomnia• May decrease effects of Warfarin and Phenytoin• Do not use with MAOIs• Monitor cardiovascular system• Monitor for behavioral changes• Monitor for dependence• Do not consume caffeinated beverages• "Drug Holiday" used to assess dependence and status
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Other: _____

