



Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pittsburgh Side-Effects Rating Scale**

Instructions: Listed below are several possible negative effects (side effects) that medication may have on an ADHD child. Please read each item carefully and use the boxes to rate the severity of your child's side effects he/she has been on his/her current dose of medication. When requested, or wherever you feel it would be useful for us to know, please describe the side effects that you observed or any other unusual behavior in the "Comments" section below.

Use the following to assess severity:

- None: The symptom is not present.
- Mild: The symptom is present but is not significant enough to cause concern to your child, to you, or to his/her friends. Presence of the symptom at this level would NOT be a reason to stop taking the medicine.
- Moderate: The symptom causes impairment of functioning or social embarrassment to such a degree that the negative impact on social and school performance should be weighed carefully to justify benefit of continuing medication must be considered.
- Severe: The symptom causes impairment of functioning or social embarrassment to such a degree that the child should not continue to receive this medication or dose of medication as part of current treatment.

	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Motor Tics—repetitive movements: jerking or twitching (e.g., eye blinking—eye opening, facial or mouth twitching, shoulder or arm movements)—describe below				
Buccal—lingual movements: Tongue thrusts, jaw clenching, chewing movement besides lip/cheek biting— describe below				
Picking at skin or fingers, nail biting, lip or cheek chewing – describe below				
Worried/Anxious				
Dull, tired, listless				
Headaches				
Stomachache				
Crabby, Irritable				
Tearful, Sad, Depressed				
Socially withdrawn – decreased interaction with others				
Hallucinations (see or hear things that aren't there)				
Loss of appetite				
Trouble sleeping (time went to sleep)				

**COMMENTS:**