# **Better tasting Candy**

- Small bursts of exerciseget up and do 10 jumping jacks. Get your blood flowing!
- ✓ Small Snacks for a study break and don't skip meals!
- ✓ Chew gum
- ✓ Listen to pump up songs
- ✓ Caffeine- coffee, green tea, multivitamin with caffeine supplement
- ✓ Coke and Pepsi products
- ✓ Energy Drinks: Use with caution and in moderation

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# College Candy

### The Truth About Adderall



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## About Adderall

Adderall

(dextroamphetamine/amphetamine salt combo) ~Schedule II – highly controlled medication with medicinal benefits

#### Use:

For the treatment of ADHD (attention deficit hyperactive disorder)

#### Serious Adverse Reactions:

Dependency/abuse, withdrawal if discontinued abruptly, depression, psychosis, severe cardiac complications (long-term use), anaphylaxis

#### **Common Reactions:**

loss of appetite, insomnia, abdominal pain, headache, nervousness, elevated blood pressure, fever, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, <u>ERECTILE</u> <u>DYSFUNCTION</u>.



#### **Statistics**

~Greatest age at risk for Adderall abuse and misuse are college age students

~45% of college students reported misusing Adderall

-Of those students, 27.9% reported using alternative routes of administration such as snorting

~23.3% reported mixing Adderall with other drugs or alcohol

~48.8% reported giving or selling their medication.

~Misusers were significantly more likely than non-misusers to report lifetime use of narcotics, marijuana, cocaine, hallucinogens, and opiates.

~93.5% Reported using it to concentrate better while studying, however research shows that it has the reverse effect because of the lack of sleep, irritability, and over excitability causing a lack of concentration during the test time.



## FUN FACT:

One pill of Adderall is 3-5 dollars

Arrested with two or more pills is a felony (intent to distribute with a schedule 2 drug)

Lawyer fees for a felony ranges from 5,000-15,000 dollars

*Court fees are 300-700 dollars* 

Is one night of studying for one test worth 5,300-23,000 dollars?

Didn't think so.