

NIH RESEARCH SUGGESTS STIMULANT TREATMENT FOR ADHD DOES NOT
CONTRIBUTE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE LATER IN LIFE: EARLY EVALUATION FOR
SUBSTANCE ABUSE STILL IMPORTANT FOR THIS HIGH-RISK GROUP

Treating children as early as age six or seven with stimulants for Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is not likely to increase risk of substance abuse as adults, according to two studies funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). However, the studies also showed treatment with stimulants did not prevent substance abuse later in adulthood. The studies are being published in this month's American Journal of Psychiatry.

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