

WHAT KIDS ARE TAKING

The most commonly prescribed antidepressants for children are not approved in the U.S. for those under 18, but anecdotal reports show that they appear to be safe and work well for this group. Some manufacturers of these drugs are currently conducting studies of their effect on depressed children.

Prozac



Approved for adults with

- Depression
- Bulimia
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

Characteristics

Remains in body for at least two weeks. Makes some patients agitated, anxious

Zoloft



- Depression
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
- Panic Disorder

Remains in body for one week

Paxil



- Depression
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
- Panic Disorder
- Social Phobia (approval pending)

Has sedating effect on many patients

Luvox



- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

Also approved for use in children with OCD

Celexa



- Depression

Produces fewer adverse reactions with other drugs