

## Information about Risperidone

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### What is Risperidone?



Risperidone is a medication that will help if you have psychosis schizophrenia or mania.

Risperidone can be used as **off label** to help people with behaviour problems.

We have a leaflet which tells you what **off label** means.

Risperidone can sometimes be called different names like

- **Risperdal**
- **Risperdal Quicklets**
- **Risperidone Orodispersible.**

Orodispersible tablets are tablets that melt in your mouth.

Risperidone can be taken as tablets or liquid medicine.

### Where do I get Risperidone?



You can only get this medication with a prescription

The doctor or consultant

- Will ask you questions about your health
- May also check your blood pressure



- May check your weight
- Will ask you if you are taking other medication
- Will tell you if you need to have a blood test.

## How do I take Risperidone?



The doctor will talk to you about how much Risperidone you need to take.



The doctor will tell you how to take your Risperidone. You need to take Risperidone for some time so that it works best.



You will usually take Risperidone in the morning and in the evening or sometimes once a day



If you forget to take your medication you must tell your carer and ask your doctor for advice.

You should not stop taking your medication suddenly as this could make you feel unwell.



## What is good about Risperidone?



Risperidone can help reduce psychosis, schizophrenia and mania and help you get better quicker.

Risperidone can help you stop wanting to hurt yourself or others.



Risperidone also helps you to calm down when you are very angry or tense.



## What is not good about Risperidone?



There are some health problems that people can get when they take Risperidone.

These problems are called side effects but not everyone gets them.



- Feel hungry and put on weight
- Problems with sleeping

You should eat a healthy diet and drink more water or fruit juice.



You will need to speak to your doctor if you

- Feeling very anxious and restless
- Feeling dizzy
- Problems with blurred vision
- Problems with your breasts
- Problems with your periods
- Lose interest in sex
- Have a rash on your skin
- Feel stiff
- Your muscles shake
- Feel unwell

## What other things do I need to talk to the doctor about?



You should talk to your doctor if

- You are worried about your medication.
- You want to know how much alcohol is safe to drink when taking medication.
- You are planning to have a baby.



**The information in this easy read leaflet should always be discussed with the service user and it should not be provided without support.**

**The full information sheet about Risperidone medication should also be given to the service user, carers and staff.**

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