

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use RISPERDAL® safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for RISPERDAL®.

RISPERDAL® (risperidone) tablets, for oral use  
RISPERDAL® (risperidone) oral solution  
RISPERDAL® M-TAB® (risperidone) orally disintegrating tablets  
Initial U.S. Approval: 1993

### WARNING: INCREASED MORTALITY IN ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH DEMENTIA-RELATED PSYCHOSIS

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis treated with antipsychotic drugs are at an increased risk of death.
- RISPERDAL® is not approved for use in patients with dementia-related psychosis. (5.1)

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

RISPERDAL® is an atypical antipsychotic indicated for:

- Treatment of schizophrenia (1.1)
- As monotherapy or adjunctive therapy with lithium or valproate, for the treatment of acute manic or mixed episodes associated with Bipolar I Disorder (1.2)
- Treatment of irritability associated with autistic disorder (1.3)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Recommended daily dosage:

	Initial Dose		Target Dose	Effective Dose Range
Schizophrenia : adults (2.1)	2 mg		4 to 8 mg	4 to 16 mg
Schizophrenia : adolescents (2.1)	0.5 mg		3 mg	1 to 6 mg
Bipolar mania: Adults (2.2)	2 to 3 mg		1 to 6 mg	1 to 6 mg
Bipolar mania: in children and adolescents (2.2)	0.5 mg		1 to 2.5 mg	1 to 6 mg
Irritability associated with autistic disorder (2.3)	0.25 mg (Weight < 20 kg)		0.5 mg (<20 kg)	0.5 to 3 mg
	0.5 mg (Weight ≥20 kg)		1 mg (≥20 kg)	

- Severe Renal or Hepatic Impairment in Adults: Use a lower starting dose of 0.5 mg twice daily. May increase to dosages above 1.5 mg twice daily at intervals of at least one week. (2.4)
- Oral Solution: Can be administered directly from calibrated pipette or mixed with beverage (water, coffee, orange juice, or low-fat milk). (2.6)
- M-TAB Orally Disintegrating Tablets: Open the blister only when ready to administer, and immediately place tablet under tongue. Can be swallowed with or without liquid. (2.7)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Tablets: 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg, and 4 mg (3)
- Oral solution: 1 mg per mL (3)
- Orally disintegrating tablets: 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg, and 4 mg (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Known hypersensitivity to RISPERDAL® (4)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Cerebrovascular events, including stroke, in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis: RISPERDAL® is not approved for use in patients with dementia-related psychosis. (5.2)
- Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome: Manage with immediate discontinuation of RISPERDAL® and close monitoring. (5.3)
- Tardive dyskinesia: Consider discontinuing RISPERDAL® if clinically indicated. (5.4)
- Metabolic Changes: Atypical antipsychotic drugs have been associated with metabolic changes that may increase cardiovascular/cerebrovascular risk. These metabolic changes include hyperglycemia, dyslipidemia, and weight gain. (5.5)
  - Hyperglycemia and Diabetes Mellitus: Monitor patients for symptoms of hyperglycemia including polydipsia, polyuria, polyphagia, and weakness. Monitor glucose regularly in patients with diabetes or at risk for diabetes. (5.5)
  - Dyslipidemia: Undesirable alterations have been observed in patients treated with atypical antipsychotics. (5.5)
  - Weight Gain: Significant weight gain has been reported. Monitor weight gain. (5.5)
- Hyperprolactinemia: Prolactin elevations occur and persist during chronic administration. (5.6)
- Orthostatic hypotension: For patients at risk, consider a lower starting dose and slower titration. (5.7)
- Leukopenia, Neutropenia, and Agranulocytosis: Perform complete blood counts in patients with a history of clinically significant low white blood cell count (WBC). Consider discontinuing RISPERDAL® if a clinically significant decline in WBC occurs in the absence of other causative factors. (5.8)
- Potential for cognitive and motor impairment: Use caution when operating machinery. (5.9)
- Seizures: Use cautiously in patients with a history of seizures or with conditions that lower the seizure threshold. (5.10)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions in clinical trials (≥5% and twice placebo) were parkinsonism, akathisia, dystonia, tremor, sedation, dizziness, anxiety, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, upper abdominal pain, stomach discomfort, dyspepsia, diarrhea, salivary hypersecretion, constipation, dry mouth, increased appetite, increased weight, fatigue, rash, nasal congestion, upper respiratory tract infection, nasopharyngitis, and pharyngolaryngeal pain. (6)  
**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-800-JANSSEN (1-800-526-7736) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch)**

### DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Carbamazepine and other enzyme inducers decrease plasma concentrations of risperidone. Increase the RISPERDAL® dose up to double the patient's usual dose. Titrate slowly. (7.1)
- Fluoxetine, paroxetine, and other CYP 2D6 enzyme inhibitors increase plasma concentrations of risperidone. Reduce the initial dose. Do not exceed a final dose of 8 mg per day of RISPERDAL®. (7.1)

### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- Pregnancy: Based on animal data, may cause fetal harm. (8.1)
- Nursing Mothers: Discontinue drug or nursing, taking into consideration the importance of drug to the mother. (8.3)

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**Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis treated with antipsychotic drugs are at an increased risk of death. RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> (risperidone) is not approved for the treatment of patients with dementia-related psychosis. [See Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]**

## **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

### **1.1 Schizophrenia**

RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> (risperidone) is indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia. Efficacy was established in 4 short-term trials in adults, 2 short-term trials in adolescents (ages 13 to 17 years), and one long-term maintenance trial in adults [see Clinical Studies (14.1)].

### **1.2 Bipolar Mania**

#### Monotherapy

RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> is indicated for the treatment of acute manic or mixed episodes associated with Bipolar I Disorder. Efficacy was established in 2 short-term trials in adults and one short-term trial in children and adolescents (ages 10 to 17 years) [see Clinical Studies (14.2)].

#### Adjunctive Therapy

RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> adjunctive therapy with lithium or valproate is indicated for the treatment of acute manic or mixed episodes associated with Bipolar I Disorder. Efficacy was established in one short-term trial in adults [see Clinical Studies (14.3)].

### **1.3 Irritability Associated with Autistic Disorder**

RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> is indicated for the treatment of irritability associated with autistic disorder, including symptoms of aggression towards others, deliberate self-injuriousness, temper tantrums, and quickly changing moods. Efficacy was established in 3 short-term trials in children and adolescents (ages 5 to 17 years) [see Clinical Studies (14.4)].

## **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Table 1. Recommended Daily Dosage by Indication**

	<b>Initial Dose</b>	<b>Titration (Increments)</b>	<b>Target Dose</b>	<b>Effective Dose Range</b>
<b>Schizophrenia: adults (2.1)</b>	2 mg	1 to 2 mg	4 to 8 mg	4 to 16 mg
<b>Schizophrenia: adolescents (2.2)</b>	0.5 mg	0.5 to 1 mg	3 mg	1 to 6 mg
<b>Bipolar mania: adults (2.2)</b>	2 to 3 mg	1 mg	1 to 6 mg	1 to 6 mg
<b>Bipolar mania: children and adolescents (2.2)</b>	0.5 mg	0.5 to 1 mg	1 to 2.5 mg	1 to 6 mg
<b>Irritability in autistic disorder (2.3)</b>	0.25 mg Can increase to 0.5 mg by Day 4: (body weight less than 20 kg)  0.5 mg Can increase to 1 mg by Day 4: (body weight greater than or equal to 20 kg)	After Day 4, at intervals of > 2 weeks: 0.25 mg (body weight less than 20 kg)  0.5 mg (body weight greater than or equal to 20 kg)	0.5 mg: (body weight less than 20 kg)  1 mg: (body weight greater than or equal to 20 kg)	0.5 to 3 mg

Severe Renal and Hepatic Impairment in Adults: use a lower starting dose of 0.5 mg twice daily. May increase to dosages above 1.5 mg twice daily at intervals of one week or longer.

## 2.1 Schizophrenia

### Adults

#### Usual Initial Dose

RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> can be administered once or twice daily. Initial dosing is 2 mg per day. May increase the dose at intervals of 24 hours or greater, in increments of 1 to 2 mg per day, as tolerated, to a recommended dose of 4 to 8 mg per day. In some patients, slower titration may be appropriate. Efficacy has been demonstrated in a range of 4 mg to 16 mg per day. However, doses above 6 mg per day for twice daily dosing were not demonstrated to be more efficacious than lower doses, were associated with more extrapyramidal symptoms and other adverse effects, and are generally not recommended. In a single study supporting once-daily dosing, the efficacy results were generally stronger for 8 mg than for 4 mg. The safety of doses above 16 mg per day has not been evaluated in clinical trials [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*].

### Adolescents

The initial dose is 0.5 mg once daily, administered as a single-daily dose in the morning or evening. The dose may be adjusted at intervals of 24 hours or greater, in increments of 0.5 mg or

1 mg per day, as tolerated, to a recommended dose of 3 mg per day. Although efficacy has been demonstrated in studies of adolescent patients with schizophrenia at doses between 1 mg to 6 mg per day, no additional benefit was observed above 3 mg per day, and higher doses were associated with more adverse events. Doses higher than 6 mg per day have not been studied.

Patients experiencing persistent somnolence may benefit from administering half the daily dose twice daily.

### Maintenance Therapy

While it is unknown how long a patient with schizophrenia should remain on RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup>, the effectiveness of RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> 2 mg per day to 8 mg per day at delaying relapse was demonstrated in a controlled trial in adult patients who had been clinically stable for at least 4 weeks and were then followed for a period of 1 to 2 years [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. Both adult and adolescent patients who respond acutely should generally be maintained on their effective dose beyond the acute episode. Patients should be periodically reassessed to determine the need for maintenance treatment.

### Reinitiation of Treatment in Patients Previously Discontinued

Although there are no data to specifically address reinitiation of treatment, it is recommended that after an interval off RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup>, the initial titration schedule should be followed.

### Switching From Other Antipsychotics

There are no systematically collected data to specifically address switching schizophrenic patients from other antipsychotics to RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup>, or treating patients with concomitant antipsychotics.

## **2.2 Bipolar Mania**

### Usual Dose

#### Adults

The initial dose range is 2 mg to 3 mg per day. The dose may be adjusted at intervals of 24 hours or greater, in increments of 1 mg per day. The effective dose range is 1 mg to 6 mg per day, as studied in the short-term, placebo-controlled trials. In these trials, short-term (3 week) anti-manic efficacy was demonstrated in a flexible dosage range of 1 mg to 6 mg per day [see *Clinical Studies (14.2, 14.3)*]. RISPERDAL<sup>®</sup> doses higher than 6 mg per day were not studied.

#### Pediatrics

The initial dose is 0.5 mg once daily, administered as a single-daily dose in the morning or evening. The dose may be adjusted at intervals of 24 hours or greater, in increments of 0.5 mg or 1 mg per day, as tolerated, to the recommended target dose of 1 mg to 2.5 mg per day. Although

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