

Information about Risperidone Injection

This is an easy way to say...Ris..per..id..one



What is Risperidone?



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

Risperidone can sometimes be called a different names like **Risperdal Consta** and **Risperidone Depot**
Risperidone is given as an injection.

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 when 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 be given.



The doctor will tell you how often you will be given Risperidone.



You need to take Risperidone for some time so that it works best.

You will be given Risperidone every two weeks.

If you miss having your injection you must tell your carer and ask your doctor for advice.



You must talk to your doctor before you stop having your injection as this could make you feel unwell.



What is good about Risperidone?



Risperidone can help if you have schizophrenia or psychosis.

Risperidone can help you get better quicker.



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

Risperidone also helps you to stop feeling very angry or tense.



What is not good about Risperidone?



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



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

- Problems sleeping
- Headache
- Feel hungry and putting on weight



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

You will need to speak to your doctor if you

- Have a rash on your skin
- Problems with your breasts
- Problems with your periods
- Lose interest in sex
- Feel anxious and restless
- Feel stiff
- Your muscles may 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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