Risperidone oral solution
MEDICATION GUIDE

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What is this medicine?
Risperidone (ris PER i done) is an antipsychotic. It is used to treat schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and some symptoms of autism.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?
Take this medicine by mouth. Follow the directions on the prescription label. Use the specially marked dropper in the bottle to measure each dose. Ask your pharmacist if you do not have one. Household spoons are not accurate. Take your dose alone or mix your dose with low-fat milk, orange juice, water, or coffee just before taking. Do NOT mix the solution with cola, carbonated beverages, or tea. You can take it with or without food. If it upsets your stomach, take it with food. Take your medicine at regular intervals. Do not take it more often than directed. Do not stop taking except on your doctor’s advice.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. While this drug may be prescribed for children as young as 5 years of age for selected conditions, precautions do apply.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What if I miss a dose?
If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?
They need to know if you have any of these conditions:
• Blood disorder or disease
• Dementia
• Diabetes or a family history of diabetes
• Difficulty swallowing
• Heart disease or previous heart attack
• History of brain tumor or head injury
• History of breast cancer
• Irregular heartbeat or low blood pressure
• Kidney or liver disease
• Parkinson’s disease
• Seizures (convulsions)
• An unusual or allergic reaction to risperidone, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?
Do not take this medicine with any of the following medications:
• Cisapride
• Droperidol
• Sparfloxacin
This medicine may also interact with the following medications:
• Arsenic trioxide
• Carbamazepine
• Certain medicines for the hormonal treatment of cancer
• Certain quinolone antibiotics like gatifloxacin, levofloxacin, moxifloxacin
• Clarithromycin
• Levodopa and other medications for Parkinson’s disease
• Medicines for high blood pressure
• Medicines for irregular heartbeats
• Medicines for seizures (convulsions)
• Medicines for sleep or sedation
• Other medicines for mental anxiety, depression or psychotic disturbances
This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:
- Aching muscles and joints
- Confusion
- Fainting spells
- Fast or irregular heartbeat (palpitations)
- Fever or chills, sore throat
- Increased hunger or thirst
- Increased urination
- Loss of balance, difficulty walking or falls
- Stiffness, spasms, trembling
- Uncontrollable head, mouth, neck, arm, or leg movements
- Unusually weak or tired

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome):
- Constipation
- Decreased sexual ability
- Difficulty sleeping
- Drowsiness or dizziness
- Increase or decrease in saliva
- Nausea, vomiting
- Weight gain

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children.

Store at room temperature between 15 to 25 degrees C (59 and 77 degrees F). Protect from light and do not freeze. Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

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