RISPERIDONE

Antipsychotic

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Effect of food
Can be given without regard to food.¹

Warnings
If stopped suddenly may cause rapid relapse and withdrawal syndromes. Gradual dose reduction is recommended.²

Absorption
Impaired absorption of risperidone has been reported when given by nasogastric tube.³

Dose changes
Use the same dose if switching between the oral liquid and the tablet.¹ Monitor for early signs of relapse when switching between dose forms and adjust the dose as needed.

Other forms
Risperdal Consta Long-acting injection. Oral risperidone is continued for 3 weeks after the first injection.¹

Other
May cause swallowing difficulties and increase the risk of aspiration.¹
May cause dry mouth or hypersalivation.¹

What to do for people with enteral feeding tubes

Option 1
Use the oral liquid.
Stop the feed and flush the tube with 30 mL of water.
Draw the required dose into an enteral syringe and dilute with at least an equal volume of water. Mix well and give into the enteral feeding tube.
Flush the tube with 30 mL of water and restart the feed.

Option 2
Disperse the tablet in 10–20 mL of water in an enteral syringe.
The tablet will disperse within 2 minutes and in as little as 2.5 mL of water if necessary.⁴
See Method A for instructions.

Option 3
If the enteral tube will be in place long term, the long-acting injection may be a suitable alternative. Consult the prescriber.

What to do for people with swallowing difficulties

Option 1
Use the oral liquid.
Measure the dose using the oral dispenser provided in the pack. May be mixed with mineral water, orange juice, coffee or milk. Do not use tea or alcoholic drinks.⁵
Not suitable for people who cannot swallow thin fluids.⁶

Option 2
Disperse the tablet in a small amount of water.
The tablet will disperse within 2 minutes.⁴
See Method D for instructions.

Option 3
Risperidone depot injection may be a suitable option for some people. Consult the prescriber.
REFERENCES: