risperidone

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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What Rispone is and what it is used for

Rispone contains the active substance risperidone. It belongs to a group of medicines called 'anti-psychotics'.

Risperidone is used to treat the following:

- Schizophrenia, where you may see, hear or feel things that are not there, believe things that are not true or feel unusually suspicious, or confused
- Mania, where you may feel very excited, elated, agitated, enthusiastic or hyperactive. Mania occurs in an illness called "bipolar disorder" Short-term treatment (up to 6 weeks) of long-term
- aggression in people with Alzheimer's dementia, who harm themselves or others. Alternative (non-drug) treatments should have been used previously
- Short-term treatment (up to 6 weeks) of long-term, aggression in intellectually disabled children (at least 5 years of age) and adolescents with conduct disorder.

Rispone can help alleviate the symptoms of your disease and stop your symptoms from coming back.

What you need to know before you take Rispone

Do not take Rispone:

If you are allergic to risperidone or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

If you are not sure if the above applies to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Rispone.

Warnings and precautions: Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Rispone if:

You have a heart problem. Examples include an irregular

- heart rhythm or if you are prone to low blood pressure or if you are using medicines for your blood pressure. Rispone may cause low blood pressure. Your dose may need to be You know of any factors which would favour you having a
- stroke, such as high blood pressure, cardiovascular disorder or blood vessel problems in the brain You have ever experienced involuntary movements of the
- tongue, mouth and face You have ever had a condition whose symptoms include
- high temperature, muscle stiffness, sweating or a lowered level of consciousness (also known as "Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome" You have Parkinson's disease or dementia
- You know that you have had low levels of white blood cells
- in the past (which may or may not have been caused by other medicines) You are diabetic
- You have epilepsy
- You are a man and you have ever had a prolonged or painful erection You have problems controlling your body temperature or
- overheating
- You have kidney problems You have liver problems
- You have an abnormally high level of the hormone
- olactin in your blood dependent tumour If you or someone else in your family has a history of blood
- formation of blood clots If you are not sure if any of the above applies to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Rispone.

clots, as medicines like these have been associated with

As dangerously low numbers of a certain type of white blood cell needed to fight infection in your blood has been seen

very rarely with patients taking Rispone, your doctor may check your white blood cell counts. Rispone may cause you to gain weight. Significant weight gain may adversely affect your health. Your doctor should regularly measure your body weight.

As diabetes mellitus or worsening of pre-existing diabetes mellitus have been seen with patients taking Rispone, your doctor should check for signs of high blood sugar. In patients with pre-existing diabetes mellitus blood glucose should be monitored regularly.

Rispone commonly raises levels of a hormone called 'prolactin". This may cause side effects such as menstrual disorders or fertility problems in women, breast swelling in men (see section 4 "Possible side effects"). If such side effects occur, evaluation of the prolactin level in the blood is

(cataract), the pupil (the black circle in the middle of your eye) may not increase in size as needed. Also, the iris (the coloured part of the eye) may become floppy during surgery and that may lead to eye damage. If you are planning to have an operation on your eye, make sure you tell your eye doctor that you are taking this medicine. Elderly people with dementia In elderly patients with dementia, there is an increased risk of

During an operation on the eye for cloudiness of the lens

caused by stroke.

During treatment with risperidone you should frequently see your doctor. Medical treatment should be sought straight away if you or your care-giver notice a sudden change in your mental state

stroke. You should not take risperidone if you have dementia

or sudden weakness or numbness of your face, arms or legs, especially on one side, or slurred speech, even for a short

period of time. These may be signs of a stroke. Children and adolescents Before treatment is started for conduct disorder, other causes of aggressive behaviour should have been ruled out. Before treatment is started your or your child's body weight may be measured and it may be regularly monitored during treatment.

If during treatment with risperidone tiredness occurs, a change in the time of administration might improve attention difficulties. A small and inconclusive study has reported an increase in height in children who took risperidone, but whether this is an effect of the drug or due to some other reason is not known. Other medicines and Rispone: Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

- It is especially important to talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following:

 Medicines that work on your brain such as to help you calm down (benzodiazepines) or some medicines for pain (opiates), medicines for allergy (some antihistamines), as risperidone may increase the sedative effect of all of these risperidone may increase the sedative effect of all of these Medicines that may change the electrical activity of
- your heart, such as medicines for malaria, heart rhythm problems, allergies (anti-histamines), some antidepressants or other medicines for mental problems Medicines that cause a slow heartbeat Medicines that cause low blood potassium (such as certain
- diuretics) Medicines to treat raised blood pressure. Rispone can lower blood pressure. Medicines for Parkinson's disease (such as levodopa)

Water tablets (diuretics) used for heart problems or swelling

- of parts of your body due to a build-up of too much fluid (such as furosemide or chlorothiazide). Rispone taken by itself or with furosemide, may have an increased risk of stroke or death in elderly people with dementia. Medicines that increase the activity of the central nervous system (psychostimulants, such as methylphenidate).

- The following medicines may reduce the effect of risperidone

 Rifampicin (a medicine for treating some infections)

 Carbamazepine, phenytoin (medicines for epilepsy) Phenobarbital.

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If you start or stop taking such medicines you may need a different dose of risperidone.

The following medicines may increase the effect of risperidone

- Quinidine (used for certain types of heart disease)
 Antidepressants such as paroxetine, fluoxetine, tricyclic
- antidepressants Medicines known as beta blockers (used to treat high
- blood pressure) Phenothiazines (such as medicines used to treat psychosis
- or to calm down) Cimetidine, ranitidine (blockers of the acidity of the stomach)
- Itraconazole and ketoconazole (medicines for treating fungal infections) Certain medicines used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS, such
- as ritonavir Verapamil, a medicine used to treat high blood pressure
- and/or abnormal heart rhythm Sertraline and fluvoxamine, medicines used to treat depression and other psychiatric disorders.

If you start or stop taking such medicines you may need a different dose of risperidone.

If you are not sure if any of the above applies to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Rispone.

Rispone with food, drink and alcohol: You should avoid drinking alcohol when taking Rispone.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility: If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor

- or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. Your doctor will decide if you can take it. The following symptoms may occur in newborn babies, of mothers who have used Rispone in the last trimester (last three months of their pregnancy): shaking, muscle stiffness and/or weakness, sleepiness, agitation, breathing problems, and difficulty in feeding. If your baby develops
 - any of these symptoms you may need to contact your Rispone can raise your levels of a hormone called prolactin" that may impact fertility (see section 4 "Possible side effects").

Driving and using machines:

Dizziness, tiredness, and vision problems may occur during treatment with Rispone. Do not drive or use any tools or machines without talking to your doctor first.

Rispone contains lactose:

If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

How to take Rispone

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Your doctor will tell you how much medicine to take and for how long. This will depend on your condition and varies from person to person.

The recommended dose is as follows: For the treatment of schizophrenia

- The usual starting dose is 2 mg per day, this may be increased to 4 mg per day on the second day Your dose may then be adjusted by your doctor depending
- on how you respond to the treatment
- Most people feel better with daily doses of 4 to 6 mg This total daily dose can be divided into either one or two doses a day. Your doctor will tell you which is the best for
- you.

Elderly people

- to 1 mg to 2 mg twice a day Your doctor will tell you which is the best for you.
- Your starting dose will normally be 0.5 mg twice a day Your dose may then be gradually increased by your doctor
- For the treatment of mania

Adults

respond to the treatment.

- Your starting dose will usually be 2 mg once a day Your dose may then be gradually adjusted by your doctor depending on how you respond to the treatment Most people feel better with doses of 1 to 6 mg once a
- day.
- Elderly people Your starting dose will usually be 0.5 mg twice a day Your dose may then be gradually adjusted by your doctor to 1 mg to 2 mg twice a day depending on how much you

For the treatment of long-standing aggression in people with Alzheimer's dementia Adults (including elderly people)

Your starting dose will normally be 0.25 mg twice a day Your dose may then be gradually adjusted by your doctor

- depending on how you respond to the treatment Most people feel better with 0.5 mg twice a day. Some patients may need 1 mg twice a day
- . Treatment duration in patients with Álzheimer's dementia should be not more than 6 weeks.

Regardless of the disease to be treated, all starting doses

and following doses of risperidone should be halved. Dose increases should be slower in these patients. Risperidone

People with kidney or liver problems

should be used with caution in this patient group. Use in children and adolescents Children and adolescents under 18 years old should not be treated with Rispone for schizophrenia or

For the treatment of conduct disorder the dose will depend on your child's weight: For children who weigh less than 50 kg

• The starting dose will normally be 0.25 mg once a day.

The dose may be increased every other day in steps of

0.25 mg per day. The usual maintenance dose is 0.25 mg to 0.75 mg

once a day.

- For children who weigh 50 kg or more

 The starting dose will normally be 0.5 mg once a day. The dose may be increased every other day in steps of
 - 0.5 mg per day. The usual maintenance dose is 0.5 mg to 1.5 mg once a day.

Treatment duration in patients with conduct disorder should

be not more than 6 weeks. Children under 5 years old should not be treated with Rispone for conduct disorder. Method of administration

For oral use You should swallow your tablet with a drink of water Rispone can be taken with or without food.

- The tablet can be divided into equal doses.
- If you take more Rispone than you should:
- See a doctor right away. Take the medicine pack with you. In case of overdose you may feel sleepy or tired, or have abnormal body movements, problems standing and walking, feel dizzy due to low blood pressure, or have abnormal heartbeats or fits. If you forget to take Rispone:

 • If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you

remember it. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue as usual. If you miss two

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or more doses, contact your doctor.

Do not take a double dose (two doses at the same time) to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Rispone:

You should not stop taking this medicine unless told to do so by your doctor. Your symptoms may return. If your doctor decides to stop this medicine, your dose may be decreased gradually over a few days.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4 Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Tell your doctor immediately if you experience any of the following serious side effects:

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

 Tardive dyskinesia (twitching or jerking movements that you cannot control in your face, tongue, or other parts of your body). Take action at once if you experience involuntary rhythmic movements of the tongue, mouth and face Withdrawal of risperidone may be needed

A sudden change in your mental state or sudden weakness or numbness of your face, arms or legs, especially on one side, or slurred speech, even for a short period of time. These may be signs of a stroke or "mini" stroke caused by a sudden loss of blood supply to the brain. You are under special risk, if you have dementia.

- Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

 Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (confusion, reduced or loss of consciousness, high fever, and severe muscle stiffness). Immediate medical treatment may be needed.
- Priapism (a prolonged or painful penile erection that may require surgical treatment).

Very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people

- Life threatening complications of uncontrolled diabetes.
 Serious allergic reaction with swelling that may involve the throat and lead to difficulty breathing.

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available <u>data</u>

Blood clots in the veins, especially in the legs (symptoms include swelling, pain and redness in the leg), which may travel through blood vessels to the lungs causing chest pain and difficulty breathing. If you notice any of these symptoms seek medical advice immediately.

- The following other side effects may happen:

 Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

 Difficulty falling or staying asleep

 Parkinsonism: This condition may include: slow or impaired movement, sensation of stiffness or tightness of the muscles (making your movements jerky), and sometimes even a sensation of movement "freezing up" and they restarting sensation of movement "freezing up" and then restarting.

 Other signs of Parkinsonism include a slow shuffling walk, a tremor while at rest, increased saliva and/or drooling, and a loss of expression on the face.
- Feeling sleepy or less alert Headache.

- Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

 Pneumonia, infection of the chest (bronchitis), common cold symptoms, sinus infection, urinary tract infection, ear infection, feeling like you have the flu

 Raised levels of a hormone called "prolactin" found in
- a blood test (which may or may not cause symptoms).

 Symptoms of high prolactin occur uncommonly and may include in men breast swelling, difficulty in getting or maintaining erections, decreased sexual desire or other sexual dysfunction. In women they may include breast discomfort, leakage of milk from the breasts, missed menstrual periods, or other problems with your cycle or fertility problems. Weight gain, increased appetite, decreased appetite Sleep disorder, irritability, depression, anxiety, restlessness Dystonia: This is a condition involving slow or sustained involuntary contraction of muscles. While it can involve
- any part of the body (and may result in abnormal posture), dystonia often involves muscles of the face, including abnormal movements of the eyes, mouth, tongue or jaw. Dizziness Dyskinesia: This is a condition involving involuntary muscle
- movements, and can include repetitive, spastic or writhing movements, or twitching. Tremor (shaking) Regid heart rate, high blood pressure, shortness of breath

- Sore throat, cough, nosebleeds, stuffy nose Abdominal pain, abdominal discomfort, vomiting, nausea, constipation, diarrhoea, indigestion, dry mouth, toothache
- Rash, skin redness Muscle spasms, bone or muscle ache, back pain, joint pain Incontinence (lack of control) of urine
- Swelling of the body, arms or legs, fever, chest pain, weakness, fatigue (tiredness), pain Fall.

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

Infection of the breathing passages, bladder infection, eye infection, tonsillitis, fungal infection of the nails, infection of

- the skin, an infection confined to a single area of skin or part of the body, viral infection, skin inflammation caused by mites Decrease in the type of white blood cells that help to protect you against infection, white blood cell count decreased, decrease in platelets (blood cells that help
- you stop bleeding), anemia, decrease in red blood cells, increase in eosinophils (a type of white blood cell) in your blood Allergic reaction Diabetes or worsening of diabetes, high blood sugar, excessive drinking of water
 Weight loss, loss of appetite resulting in malnutrition and

skin

or wind

redness of the eyes

- low body weight Increased cholesterol in your blood Elated mood (mania), confusion, decreased sexual drive,
- nervousness, nightmares Unresponsive to stimuli, loss of consciousness, low level of
- consciousness Convulsion (fits), fainting
- A restless urge to move parts of your body, balance disorder, abnormal coordination, dizziness upon standing, disturbance in attention, problems with speech, loss or abnormal sense of taste, reduced sensation of skin to pain and touch, a sensation of tingling, pricking, or numbness
- Sensation of spinning (vertigo), ringing in the ears, ear pain Atrial fibrillation (an abnormal heart rhythm), an

Oversensitivity of the eyes to light, dry eye, increased tears,

- interruption in conduction between the upper and lower parts of the heart, abnormal electrical conduction of the heart, prolongation of the QT interval from your heart, slow heart rate, abnormal electrical tracing of the heart (electrocardiogram or ECG), a fluttering or pounding feeling in your chest (palpitations)
 Low blood pressure, low blood pressure upon standing
- (consequently, some people taking risperidone may feel faint, dizzy, or may pass out when they stand up or sit up
- suddenly), flushing
 Pneumonia caused by inhaling food, lung congestion,
 congestion of breathing passages, crackly lung sounds,
 wheezing, voice disorder, breathing passage disorder
 Stomach or intestinal infection, stool incontinence, very hard stool, difficulty swallowing, excessive passing of gas
- Hives (or "nettle rash"), itching, hair loss, thickening of skin, eczema, dry skin, skin discoloration, acne, flaky, itchy scalp or skin, skin disorder, skin lesion An increase of CPK (creatine phosphokinase) in your blood, an enzyme which is sometimes released with muscle
- breakdown Abnormal posture, joint stiffness, joint swelling, muscle
- weakness, neck pain
 Frequent passing of urine, inability to pass urine, pain when
- passing urine
 Erectile dysfunction, ejaculation disorder
 Loss of menstrual periods, missed menstrual periods or other
 problems with your cycle (females)
 Development of breasts in men, leakage of milk from the
- breasts, sexual dysfunction, breast pain, breast discomfort,
- vaginal discharge Swelling of the face, mouth, eyes, or lips Chills, an increase in body temperature
- A change in the way you walk Feeling thirsty, feeling unwell, chest discomfort, feeling "out of sorts", discomfort
- Increased liver transaminases in your blood, increased
- GGT (a liver enzyme called gamma-glutamyltransferase) in our blood, increased liver enzymes in your blood
- Procedural pain.
- Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people Infection

Inappropriate secretion of a hormone that controls urine

- Sugar in the urine, low blood sugar, high blood triglycerides (a fat)
- Lack of emotion, inability to reach orgasm Blood vessel problems in the brain
- Coma due to uncontrolled diabetes Shaking of the head

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- Glaucoma (increased pressure within the eyeball), problems with movement of your eyes, eye rolling, eyelid , margin crusting
- Eye problems during cataract surgery. During cataract surgery, a condition called intraoperative floppy iris syndrome (IFIS) can happen if you take or have taken
 - risperidone. If you need to have cataract surgery, be sure to tell your eye doctor if you take or have taken this medicine. Dangerously low numbers of a certain type of white blood cell needed to fight infection in your blood
- Severe allergic reaction characterised by fever, swollen mouth, face, lip or tongue, shortness of breath, itching, skin rash and sometimes drop in blood pressure
- Dangerously excessive intake of water Irregular heartbeat

- Blood clot in the legs, blood clot in the lungs Trouble breathing during sleep (sleep apnoea), fast, shallow breathing Inflammation of the pancreas, a blockage in the bowels
- Swollen tongue, chapped lips, rash on skin related to drug
- Breakdown of muscle fibers and pain in muscles (rhabdomyolysis)
- in your breasts, breast enlargement, discharge from the
- Increased insulin (a hormone that controls blood sugar levels) in your blood
- Hardening of the skin
- Decreased body temperature, coldness in arms and legs

The following side effect has been seen with the use of

Additional side effects in children and adolescents In general, side effects in children are expected to be similar

headache, increased appetite, vomiting, common cold symptoms, nasal congestion, abdominal pain, dizziness, cough, fever, tremor (shaking), diarrhoea, and incontinence (lack of control) of urine. Reporting of side effects If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

This medicine does not require any specific storage conditions.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.



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What Rispone contains

The other ingredients are:

magnesium stearate (E470b).

Coating of the tablets: I mg Film-Coated Tablets: Hypromellose (E464), titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol

(4000), iron oxide (red and yellow) (E172).

3 mg Film-Coated Tablets: Hypromellose (E464), titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol

hypromellose (E464), titanium dioxide (E171), indigotine (E132), quinoline yellow (E104), macrogol (4000).

What Rispone looks like and contents of the pack

1 mg Film-Coated Tablets: White, oval, approximately 9.0 mm in length, 4.5 mm in

with "1" on one side. 2 mg Film-Coated Tablets: Apricot, oval, approximately 11.4 mm in length, 5.7 mm in

Yellow, oval, approximately 13.0 mm in length, 6.5 mm in width, film-coated tablets with breaking notch and embossed with "3" on one side. 4 mg Film-Coated Tablets:

Green, oval, approximately 14.0 mm in length, 7.0 mm in

width, film-coated tablets with breaking notch and embossed with "4" on one side.

Pack sizes:

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Rispone are packed in PVC/COC/PVDC/Al blisters or PVC/ PE/PVDC/Al blisters or HDPE tablet containers with PP cap (with desiccant)(only for 1 mg)).

Blister: 6, 10, 20, 30, 50, 60, 100, 100x1 and 250 filmcoated tablets Tablet container: 100 film-coated tablets

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another medicine called paliperidone that is very similar to risperidone, so it can also be expected with this medicine: Rapid heartbeat upon standing. to those in adults. The following side effects were reported more often in children and adolescents (5 to 17 years) than in adults: feeling sleepy or less alert, fatigue (tiredness),

How to store Rispone

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton, the blister and the tablet container after EXP.

The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Contents of the pack and other

The active substance is risperidone. Each film-coated tablet contains 1, 2, 3 or 4 mg risperidone.

Core of the tablets: Lactose monohydrate, cellulose microcrystalline (E460), starch, pregelatinised (maize), silica colloidal anhydrous,

2 mg Film-Coated Tablets: Hypromellose (E464), titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol

(4000), quinoline yellow aluminum lake (E104). 4 mg Film-Coated Tablets:

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