### RISPERDAL

(RISPERIDONE) TABLETS/ORAL SOLUTION

### RISPERDAL® M-TAB®

(RISPERIDONE) **ORALLY DISINTEGRATING TABLETS** 

BEFORE PRESCRIBING, PLEASE CONSULT COMPLETE PRESCRIBING INFORMATION OF WHICH THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY.

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INDICATIONS AND USAGE
RISPERDAL® (nsperidone) is indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia.

Monotherapy: RISPERDAL® is indicated for the short-term treatment of acute manic or mixed episodes associated with Bipolar I Disorder.

Combination Therapy: The combination of RISPERDAL® with lithium or valproate is indicated for the short-

term treatment of acute manic or mixed episodes associated with Bipolar I Disorder.

CONTRAINDICATIONS RISPERDAL® (risperidone) is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to the product.

WARNINGS

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Increased Mortality in Elderly Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis
Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis treated with atypical antipsychotic drugs are at an increased risk of death compared to placebo. RISPERDAL® (risperidone) is not approved for the treatment of dementia-related psychosis (see Boxed Warning).

Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS) A potentially fatal symptom complex sometimes referred to as Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (NMS) has been reported in association with antipsychotic drugs. If a patient requires antipsychotic drug treatment after recovery from NMS, the potential reintroduction of drug therapy should be carefully considered. The patient should be carefully monitored, since recurrences of NMS have been reported.

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Tardive Dyskinesia A syndrome of potentially irreversible, involuntary, dyskinetic movements may develop in patients treated with antipsychotic drugs. Whether antipsychotic drug products differ in their potential to cause tardive dyskinesia is unknown. If signs and symptoms of tardive dyskinesia appear in a patient on RISPERDAL®, drug discontinuation should be considered. However, some patients may require treatment with RISPERDAL® despite the presence of the syndrome.

Cerebrovascular Adverse Events, Including Stroke, in Elderly Patients With Dementia-Related Psychosis Cerebrovascular adverse events (e.g., stroke, transient ischemic attack), including stallities, were reported in patients (mean age 85 years; range 73-97) in trials of rispendione in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis. In placebo-controlled trials, there was a significantly higher incidence of cerebrovascular adverse events in patients treated with risperidone compared to patients treated with placebo. RISPERDAL® has not been shown to be safe or effective in the treatment of patients with dementia-related psychosis. (See also Boxed WARNING, WARNINGS: Increased Mortality in Elderly Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis.)

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Hyperglycemia and Diabetes Melitus Hyperglycemia, in some cases extreme and associated with ketoacidosis or hyperosmolar coma or death, has been reported in patients treated with atypical antipsychotics including RISPERDAL®. Patients with an established diagnosis of diabetes mellitus who are started on atypical antipsychotics should be monitored regularly for worsening of glucose control. Patients with risk factors for diabetes mellitus who are starting treatment with atypical antipsychotics should undergo tasting blood glucose testing at the beginning of treatment and periodically during treatment.

PRECAUTIONS

General

Orthostatic Hypotension: RISPERDAL® (risperidone) may induce orthostatic hypotension associated with Orthostatic Hypotension: RISPERDAL® (risperidone) may induce orthostatic hypotension associated with dizziness, tachycardia, and in some patients, syncope, especially during the initial dose-titration period, probably reflecting its alpha-adrenergic antagonistic properties. Syncope was reported in 0.2% (6/2607) of RISPERDAL® treated patients in phase 2-3 studies. The risk of orthostatic hypotension and syncope may be minimized by limiting the initial dose to 2 mg total (either QD or 1 mg BID) in normal adults and 0.5 mg BID in the elderly and patients with renal or hepatic impairment (See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). Monitoring of orthostatic vital signs should be considered in patients for whom this is of concern. A dose reduction should be considered if hypotension occurs. RISPERDAL® should be used with particular caution in patients with known cardiovascular disease, filistory of myocardial infarction or ischemia, heart failure, or conduction abnormalities), cerebrovascular disease, and conditions which would predispose patients to hypotension e.g., dehydration and hypovolemia. Clinically significant hypotension has been observed with concomitant use of RISPERDAL® and antihypertensive medication.

Seizures: RISPERDAL® should be used cautiously in patients with a history of seizures.

Dysphagia: Esophageal dysmotility and aspiration have been associated with antipsychotic drug use. Aspiration pneumonia is a common cause of mobility and mortality in patients with advanced Alzheimer's dementia. RISPERDAL® and other antipsychotic drugs should be used cautiously in patients at risk for aspiration pneumonia. (See also Boxed WARNING, WARNINGS: horeased Mortality in Elderly Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis.)

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Hyperprolactinemia: As with other drugs that antagonize dopamine D<sub>2</sub> receptors, risperidone elevates prolactin levels and the elevation persists during chronic administration. Neither clinical studies nor epidemiologic studies conducted to date have shown an association between chronic administration of this

epidemiologic studies conducted to date have shown an association between chronic administration of this class of drugs and tumorigenesis in humans; the available evidence is considered too limited to be conclusive at this time.

\*\*Potential for Cognitive and Motor Impairment: Somnolence was a commonly reported adverse event associated with RISPERDAL\* treatment, especially when ascertained by direct questioning of patients. This adverse event is dose related. Patients should be cautioned about operating hazardous machinery, including automobiles, until they are reasonably certain that RISPERDAL\* therapy does not affect them adversely. \*\*Priapism: Rare cases of priapism have been reported.\*\*

\*\*Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP): A single case of TTP was reported in a 28 year-old female patient receiving RISPERDAL\* in a large, open premarketing experience (approximately 1300 patients). The relationship to RISPERDAL\* therapy is unknown.

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Body Temperature Regulation: Disruption of body temperature regulation has been attributed to antipsychotic agents. Caution is advised when prescribing for patients who will be exposed to temperature externes.

Suicide: The possibility of a suicide attempt is inherent in schizophrenia, and close supervision of high risk patients should accompany drug therapy.

Use in Patients With Concomitant Illness: Clinical experience with RISPERDAL® in patients with certain concomitant systemic illnesses is limited. Patients with Parkinson's Disease or Dementia with Lewy Bodies who receive antipsychotics may be at increased risk of Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome as well as having an increased sensitivity to antipsychotic medications. Manifestation of this increased sensitivity can include confusion, obtundation, postural instability with frequent falls, in addition to extrapyramidal symptoms. Caution is advisable in using RISPERDAL® in patients with diseases or conditions that could affect metabolism or hemodynamic responses.

Because of the risks of orthostatic hypotension and QT prolongation, caution should be observed in cardiac patients (see WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS).

Increased plasma concentrations of risperdone and 9-hydroxyrisperidone occur in patients with severe renal impairment and in patients with severe hepatic impairment. A lower starting dose should be used in such patients.

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Carbamazepine and Other Enzyme Inducers: In a drug interaction study in schizophrenic patients, 11 subjects received risperidone titrated to 6 mg/day for 3 weeks, followed by concurrent administration of carbamazepine for an additional 3 weeks. During co-administration, the plasma concentrations of risperidone and its pharmacologically active metabolile, 9-hydroxyrisperidone, were decreased by about 50%. Plasma concentrations of carbamazepine did not appear to be affected. The dose of insperidone may need to be titrated accordingly for patients receiving carbamazepine, particularly during initiation or discontinuation of carbamazepine therapy. Co-administration of other known enzyme inducers (e.g., phenytoin, rifampin, and phenobarbital) with risperidone may cause similar decreases in the combined plasma concentrations of risperidone and 9-hydroxyrisperidone, which could lead to decreased efficacy of risperidone treatment. Pluoxetine: Fluoxetine (20 mg QD) has been shown to increase the plasma concentration of risperidone 2.5-2.8 fold, while the plasma concentration of 9-hydroxyrisperidone was not affected. When concomitant fluoxetine is initiated or discontinued, the physician should re-evaluate the dosing of RISPERDAL®. The effects of discontinuation of concomitant fluoxetine therapy on the pharmacokinetics of risperidone and 9-hydroxyrisperidone have not been studied.

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or rispendone.

Drugs that Inhibit CYP 206 and Other CYP Isozymes: Risperidone is metabolized to 9-hydroxyrisperidone by cytochrome P<sub>mil</sub>ID<sub>n</sub>, an enzyme that is polymorphic in the population and that can be inhibited by a variety of psychotropic and other drugs (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLGGY). Drug interactions that reduce the metabolism of risperidone to 9-hydroxyrisperidone would increase the plasma concentrations of risperidone and lower the concentrations of 9-hydroxyrisperidone. Analysis of clinical studies involving a modest number of poor metabolizers (n=70) does not suggest that poor and extensive metabolizers have different rates of adverse effects. No comparison of effectiveness in the two groups has been made. In vitro studies showed that drugs metabolized by other P<sub>mil</sub> sozymes, including 114, 124, ILG9, MP, and IIMA, are only weak inhibitors of risperidone that drugs metabolized by there P<sub>mil</sub> sozymes, including 114, 124, ILG9, MP, and IIMA, are only weak inhibitors of risperidone that only substantial that is not expected to substantially inhibit the clearance of drugs that are metabolized by this enzymatic pathway. However, clinical data to confirm this expectation are not available.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, impairment of Fertility Carcinogenesis: Carcinogenicity studies were conducted in Swiss albino mice and for 25 months to rats. These doses are equivalent to 2.4, 9.4 and 37.5 times the maximum human dose (file Mg/day) on a mg/kg basis or 0.2, 0.75 and 3 times the maximum human dose (file Mg/day) on a mg/kg basis or 0.2, 0.75 and 3 times the maximum human dose (file Mg/day) on a mg/kg basis or 0.2, 0.75 and 3 times the maximum human dose (file Mg/day) on a mg/kg basis or 0.2, 0.75 and 3 times the maximum human dose (file Mg/day) on a mg/kg basis or 0.2, 0.75 and 3 times the maximum human dose (file mg/day) on a mg/kg basis or 0.2, 0.75 and 3 times the maximum human dose (file or mg/kg basis or 0.2, 0.75 and 3 times the maximum human dose (file or mg/kg basis or 0.2, 0.75 and 3 times the m Drugs that Inhibit CYP 2D6 and Other CYP Isozymes: Risperidone is metabolized to 9-hydroxyrisperidone by

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The teratogoric potential of risperidone was studied in three Segment II studies in Sprague-Dawley and Wistar rats (0.63-10 mg/kg or 0.4 to 6 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) on a mg/m² basis) and in one Segment II study in New Zealand rabbits (0.31-5 mg/kg or 0.4 to 6 times the MRHD on a mg/m² basis.) The incidence of malformations was not increased compared to control in offspring of rats or rabbits given 0.4 to 6 times the MRHD on a mg/m² basis. In three reproductive studies in rats (two Segment III and a multigenerational study), there was an increase in pup deaths during the first 4 days of lactation at doses of 0.16-5 mg/kg or 0.1 to 3 times the MRHD on a mg/m² basis. It is not known whether these deaths were due to a direct effect on the fetuses or pups or to effects on the dams. There was no no-effect dose for increased rat pup mortality. In one Segment III study, there was an increase in stillborn rat pups at a dose of 2.5 mg/kg or 1.5 times the MRHD on a mg/m² basis. In a cross-fostering study in Wistar rats, toxic effects on the fetus or pups, as evidenced by a decrease in the number of live pups and an increase in the number of dead pups at birth (Day 0), and a decrease in birth weight in pups of drug-treated dams. regardless of whether or not the pups were cross-fostered. Risperidone also appeared to impair maternal behavior in that pup body weight gain and survival (from Day 1 to 4 of lactation) were reduced in pups both to control but reared by drug-treated dams. These effects were all noted at the one dose of risperidone lested, i.e., 5 mg/kg or 3 times the MRHD on a mg/m² basis. Placental transfer of risperidone occurs in rat pups. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. However, there was one report of a case of aggress of the corpus callosum in an infant exposed to risperidone for interes or a case of aggress of the corpus agenesis of the corpus callosum in an infant exposed to risperidone in utero. The causal relationship to RISPERDAL® therapy is unknown. RISPERDAL® should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Labor and Delivery The effect of RISPERDAL® on labor and delivery in humans is unknown. RISPERDAL® on labor and delivery in humans is unknown. Russing Mothers in animal studies, risperidone and 9-hydroxyrisperidone are excreted in milk. Risperidone and 9-hydroxyrisperidone are also excreted in human breast milk. Therefore, women receiving risperidone should not

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Pediatric Use Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established.

Geriatric Use Clinical studies of RISPERDAL® in the treatment of schizophrenia did not include sufficient numbers of patients aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger patients. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between elderly and younger patients. In general, a lower starting dose is recommended for an elderly patient, reflecting a decreased pharmacokinetic clearance in the coincia experience has not identified differences in responses between elevelry and younger patients. In general, a lower starting dose is recommended for an elderly patient, reflecting a decreased pharmacokinetic clearance in the elderly, as well as a greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). While elderly patients exhibit a greater tendency to orthostatic hypotension, its risk in the elderly may be minimized by limiting the initial dose to 0.5 mg BID followed by careful litration (see PRECAUTIONS). Monitoring of orthostatic vital signs should be considered in patients for whom this is of concern. This drug is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and it may be useful to monitor renal function (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Concomitant use with Furosemide in Elderly Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis in placebo-controlled trials in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis, a higher incidence of mortality was observed in patients treated with furosemide plus oral rispendone (7.3%; mean age 89 years, range 75-97) when compared to patients treated with furosemide plus oral rispendone was observed in two of the four clinical trials. No pathophysiological mechanism has been identified to expicial this finding, and no consistent pattern for cause of death observed. Nevertheless, cautions should be exercised and the risks and benefits of this combination should be considered prior to the decision to use. There was no increased incidence of mortality among patients taking other diuretics as concomitant medication with risperidone. Irrespective of treatment, dehydration was an overall risk factor for mortality and should therefore be carefully av

overall risk factor for mortality and should therefore be carefully avoided in elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis. RISPERDAL® CONSTA® is not approved for the treatment of patients with dementia-related psychosis. (See also Boxed WARNING, WARNINGS: Increased Mortality in Elderly Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis.)

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Associated With Discontinuation of Treatment

Bipolar Mania in the US placebo-controlled trial with risperidone as monotherapy, approximately 8% (10/134) of

ISPERDAL®-treated patients discontinued treatment due to an adverse event, compared with approximately 6%

(7/125) of placebo-treated patients. The adverse events associated with discontinuation and considered to be possibly, probably, or very likely drug-related included paronina, somnolence, dizziness, extrapyramidal disorder, and muscle contractions involuntary. Each of these events occurred in one RISPERDAL®-treated patient (0.7%) and in no placebo-treated patients (0%).

In the US placebo-controlled trial with risperidone as adjunctive therapy to mood stabilizers, there was no overall difference in the incidence of discontinuation due to adverse events (4% for RISPERDAL® vs. 4% for placebo). Incidence in Controlled Trials: Commonly Observed Adverse Events in Controlled Clinical Trials: Bipolar Mania: In the US placebo-controlled trial with risperidone as monotherapy, the most commonly observed adverse events associated with the use of RISPERDAL® (incidence of 5% or greater and at least twice that of placebo) were somnolence, dystonia, akathisia, dyspepsia, nausea, parkinsonism, vision abnormal, and saliva increased. In the US placebo-controlled trial with risperidone as adjunctive therapy to mood stabilizers, the most commonly observed adverse events associated with the use of RISPERDAL® were somnolence, dizziness, parkinsonism, saliva increased, akathisia, abdominal pain, and urinary incontinence. Adverse Events Occurring at an Incidence of 2% or More Among RISPERDAL® Treated Patients - Bipolar Mania Adverse events that occurred at an incidence of 2% or more, and were more frequent among patients treated with flexible doses of RISPERDAL® (1-6 mg daily as monotherapy and as adjunctive therapy to mood stabilizers, respectively) than among patients treated with placebo. Reported adverse events were classified using the World Health Organization preferred terms. Incidence of Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events in a 3-Week, Placebo-Controlled Trial [Monotherapy in Bipolar Mania]

#### System/Preferred Term

Body System/Preferred Term
Central & peripheral nervous system: Dystonia, Akathisia, Dizziness, Parkinsonism, Hypoaesthesia
Psychiatric: Somnolence, Agitation, Manic reaction, Anxiety, Concentration impaired Gastrointestinal system:
Dysepsia, Nausea, Saliva increased, Mouth dry Body as a whole - general: Pain, Fatigue, Injury Respiration
system: Sinustis, Rhinitis, Coughing Skin and appendage: Acne, Pruritus Musculo-Skeletai: Myalga, Skeletal
pain Metabolic and nutritional: Weight increase Vision disorders: Vision abnormal Cardiovascular, general:
Hypertension, Hypotension Heart rate and hythm: Tachycardia
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(37%). Laboratory Changes: A between group comparison for 6- to 8-week placebo-controlled trials revealed no statistically significant RISPERDAL\*/placebo differences in the proportions of patients experiencing potentialy important changes in routine serum chemistry, hematology, or urinalysis parameters. Similarly, there were no RISPERDAL\*/placebo differences in the incidence of discontinuations for changes in serum chemistry, hematology, or urinalysis. However, RISPERDAL\* administration was associated with increases in serum prolactin (see PRECAUTIONS).

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ECG Changes: Between-group comparisons for pooled placebo-controlled trials revealed no statistically significant differences between insperiodon and placebo in mean changes from baseline in ECG parameters, including QT, QTc, and PR intervals, and heart rate. When all RISPERDAL\* doses were pooled from randomized controlled trials in several indications, there was a mean increase in heart rate of 1 beat per minute compared to no change for placebo patients. In short-term schizophrenia trials, higher doses of risperidone (8-16 mg/day) were associated with a higher mean increase in heart rate compared to placebo (4-6 beats per minute).

Other Events Observed During the Pre-Marketing Evaluation
During its premarketing assessment, multiple doses of RISPERDAL\* (insperidone) were administered to 2607 patients in phase 2 and 3 studies and the following reactions were reported: (Note: frequent adverse events are those occurring in at least 1700 patients. Interquent adverse events are those cocurring in at least 1700 patients. Interquent adverse events are those cocurring in late of the properties of the

#### DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE

Controlled Substance Class: RISPERDAL® (risperidone) is not a controlled substance.
For information on symptoms and treatment of overdosage, see full prescribing information.

More detailed professional information is available upon request. © Janssen 2003

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Commonly observed events associated with RISPERDAL at an incidence of ≥5% and at least

rated with atypical antipsychotics (APS), including RISPERDAL Patients starting treatment with Af blood glucose testing at the beginning of and during treatment. Patients who develop symptoms of hyperglycemia should also undergo fasting blood glucose testing

Tardive dyskinesia: As with all antipsychotic medications, prescribing should be consistent with the need to minimize the risk of tardive dyskinesia; if its signs and symptoms appear, discontinuation of RISPERDAL should be considered. Elderly patients appeared to be at increased risk for tardive dyskinesia.

Neuroleptic malignant syndrome (NMS): NMS has been reported rarely with this class of medications, including RISPERDAL and appropriate management

Cerebrovascular adverse events (CAEs): CAEs, including fotalities, have been reported in elderly patients with dementio-related psychosis taking risperidone in clinical trials. The incidence of CAEs with risperidone was significantly higher than with placebo. RISPERDAL, as with other atypicals, is not approved for treating these patients.

Dysphagia: Esophageal dysmotility and aspiration have been associated with antipsychotic drug use. Aspiration pneumonia is a common cause of morbidity and artality in patients with advanced Alzheimer's dementia. RISPERDAL and other antipsychotic drugs should be used cautiously in patients at risk for aspiration pneumonia.

Please see brief summary of full Prescribing including Boxed Warning, on adjacent pac

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