

# ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: Medication

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MEDICATION Risperidone

REVIEW MODULE CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY CLASS Antipsychotics

## PURPOSE OF MEDICATION

### Expected Pharmacological Action

Blocks serotonin, & to lesser degree dopamine receptors

### Therapeutic Use

- Autism spectrum disorder
- Conduct disorder
- PTSD
- Tic disorder
- OCD

### Complications

- Diabetes mellitus
- weight gain
- orthostatic hypotension
- Hypercholesterolemia

### Medication Administration

- ORAL
- IM

### Contraindications/Precautions

- Hypersensitivity to risperidone
- Lactation
- Hx of seizures
- Use cautiously for pt w/ renal ~~renal~~ impairment

### Nursing Interventions

- monitor medication effectiveness
- monitor for adverse effects
- monitor BP w/ first dose
- obtain baseline fasting blood glucose & monitor periodically throughout treatment

### Interactions

- Alcohol
- Antihistamine
- Opioids

### Client Education

- low doses of medication are given initially & are then gradually increased
- follow a healthy low-calorie diet, engage in regular exercises.

### Evaluation of Medication Effectiveness

- decreased in excited manic behaviors
- reduction in hyperactivity & impulsivity
- reduction in anxiety
- increased ability for self-care.