

**Prior Authorization Criteria
Risperdal Consta**

- 1. Patient has diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.**
- 2. Initiation of therapy is by a psychiatrist or in consultation with a psychiatrist.**
- 3. Patient has had at least a three day prior exposure to risperidone, with no hypersensitivity reaction.**
- 4. Initial dose is 25 mg. every two weeks adjusted ≥ 4 weeks. (Maximum dose=50 mg.)**
- 5. Carbamazepine stopped prior to beginning injection and all other antipsychotic medications will be tapered off after 3 weeks.**
- 6. Justification for use of injectable in place of oral form.**
- 7. Patient must be at least 18 years old.**

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