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INFORMATION SHEET for the use of Atypical NEUROLEPTICS (Risperdal, Zyprexa, Seroquel.)

ATYPICAL NEUROLEPTICS (Risperdal, Zyprexa, Seroquel) are antipsychotic medications approved by FDA for the treatment of:

- Schizophrenia
- Bipolar disorder, acute mania

Psychosis

Atypical NEUROLEPTICS (Risperdal, Zyprexa, Seroquel) has been used successfully and frequently OFF LABEL by many community physicians on multitude of patients and children for treatment of

- Autistic disorder and Pervasive developmental disorder
- Tourette's syndrome and multiple tics
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder
- Aggressive and rage behavior disorder
- Anxiety and panic disorder
- Dementia symptoms (psychosis, agitation)

Atypical NEUROLEPTICS (Risperdal, Zyprexa, Seroquel) may cause <u>RARE but SERIOUS side</u> effects such as:

- Low blood pressure, fainting, heart failure and even death (mainly in the elderly);
- Diabetes and elevated blood sugar level
- Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (high fever, rigidity, muscle disruption, kidney failure, abnormal heart beat)
- Movement disorders:
 - o Tardive dyskinesia (involuntary facial tics and twitches, and uncontrollable tongue rolling and bending), more common in elderly.
 - o Tremor, rigidity, dystonic reactions
- Seizures; Stroke; Death
- Allergic reaction, toxic skin rash;

<u>OCCASIONAL NON-LIFE THREATENING</u> reactions reported by the **Atypical NEUROLEPTICS** users are:

- Insomnia or somnolence, increased dream activity, agitation, tremor, headache,
- Dry mouth, nausea/vomiting
- Weight gain, hyperlipidemia,
- menstrual irregularity, high prolactin level, galactorrhea (milk discharge from nipples), priapism (painful erection) [in adults]