1-129 EPS-Risperidal

TIPS Question:

Is there any particular timeframe as to when side effects from risperidone become irreversible? I have noticed many residents who have been prescribed this drug develop a significant lean to the right and develop tremors of extremities. These slide effects continue to persist even after the drug has been d/c.

Response:

Risperidone can cause Parkinsonian-like side effect especially if the dose increases to more than 2 mg per day.

These effects could persist for many weeks after discontinuation of the drug.

They should eventually improve unless the patient is switched to another drug with the same side effects.

There is a slight possibility of persisting tardive dyskinesia but the symptoms usually consist of extra movements often around the mouth, although other muscle groups can be involved.

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