

Risperdal and Risperidone Recall

Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals has notified health care professionals and the public of a recall of *Risperdal* (risperidone) 3 mg tablets (lot OGG904, expiration date May 2012) and risperidone 2 mg tablets (lot OIG175, expiration date August 2012). The recall is a result of consumer reports of an uncharacteristic odor thought to be caused by trace amounts of TBA (2,4,6 tribromoanisole). TBA is a byproduct of a chemical preservative sometimes applied to wood used in the construction of pallets on which materials are transported and stored. While not considered to be toxic, TBA can generate an offensive odor and a small number of patients have reported temporary GI symptoms. Risperidone is an antipsychotic medication used to treat mental illnesses, including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and irritability associated with autistic disorder. Patients or health care professionals can contact the Medical Information Recall Line at 1-800-634-8977 (Monday through Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM ET). Any adverse events that may be related to the use of this product should be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program [online](#), by returning the postage-paid [FDA form 3500](#) by mail (to MedWatch, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852-9787) or fax (1-800-332-0178).