



INVEGA-INFORMED CONSENT FOR MEDICATION

<u>Medication Category:</u> Novel antipsychotic	<u>Medications in this Category:</u> Paliperidone extended release (Invega)
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Anticipated Dosage Range: _____

About Your Medication: Paliperidone extended release is a second generation atypical antipsychotic. It is indicated for the acute and maintenance treatment of schizophrenia. Paliperidone ER is also indicated for the acute treatment of schizoaffective disorder as monotherapy and is approved for the acute treatment of schizoaffective disorder as an adjunct to mood stabilizers and/or antidepressants.

Side Effects: Every medication is capable of producing side effects. Many people who take paliperidone extended release experience no, or minor side effects. The frequency and severity of side effects depend on many factors including dose, duration of therapy and individual susceptibility.

Possible side effects include: drowsiness, dizziness, lightheadedness, abdominal/stomach pain, weight gain, cough, or dry mouth. To reduce the risk of dizziness and lightheadedness, get up slowly when rising from a sitting or lying position.

Paliperidone extended release may rarely cause a condition known as tardive dyskinesia. In some cases, this condition may be permanent. Tell your prescriber immediately if you develop any unusual/uncontrolled movements (especially of the face, lips, mouth, tongue, arms, or legs).

This drug may infrequently cause a serious (rarely fatal) nervous system disorder (neuroleptic malignant syndrome). Seek immediate medical attention if you notice any of the following rare but very serious side effects: muscle stiffness/pain, high fever, increased sweating, mental/mood changes, confusion, change in the amount of urine.

High blood sugar and diabetes have been reported with paliperidone and similar medications. If the person being treated has diabetes or risk factors such as being overweight or a family history of diabetes, blood sugar testing should be performed at the beginning and throughout treatment with paliperidone. Complications of diabetes can be serious and even life threatening. If signs of high blood sugar or diabetes develop, such as being thirsty all the time, going to the bathroom a lot, or feeling weak or hungry, contact your prescriber.

Precautions: Before taking paliperidone tell your prescriber or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or to risperidone (Risperdal); or if you have any other allergies.

One risk of paliperidone is that it may change your heart rhythm. This effect is potentially serious, and you should talk to your prescriber about any current or past heart problems. Some

medications interact with paliperidone. Please inform your healthcare professional of any medications or supplements that you are taking. People with narrowing or blockage of the gastrointestinal tract (esophagus, stomach or small or large intestine) should talk to their healthcare professional before taking paliperidone.

Inform your healthcare professional if you are pregnant or if you are planning to get pregnant while taking paliperidone. Caution should be exercised when paliperidone is administered to a nursing woman.

Paliperidone may affect alertness and motor skills; use caution until the effect of paliperidone is known.

Paliperidone may make you more sensitive to heat. You may have trouble cooling off, or be more likely to become dehydrated, so take care when exercising or when doing things that make you warm.

By my signature below, I give consent for the above-named medication to be administered and for a change of medication within this medication category. My signature also indicates that I am aware of, have read and discussed the reasons for the use of this medication, and its potential risks and benefits.

Client Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____