

# Risperidone (Risperdal): Clinical and Economic Outcomes in Alameda County

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A preliminary study, in which a total of 43 patients were included in this two-year, mirror-design study. The types of service utilization (inpatient, ER, outpatient), medication costs, and overall costs were measured in a 1-year period prior to and then after risperidone initiation. Clinical measures to document symptom improvement were done at medication initiation and at 6 months.

## Results

- **78% Reduction in inpatient utilization** occurred after risperidone was initiated.
- **60% Reduction in acute ER utilization** occurred after risperidone initiation.
- **Improvement** in symptoms of schizophrenia as measured by PANSS and negative subscale scores
- Overall mean **costs savings of \$262 per pt/month.** (n=43) when all services included, even through medication itself is more expensive

