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## WA DTSC February Dementia Networking Seminar

# Risperidone use in people with dementia: what do the new restrictions mean?

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**Date:** Tuesday 16 February 2016  
**Time:** 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Light refreshments available from 5.30pm)  
**Venue:** The Theatre, Technology Park Function Centre, 2 Brodie Hall Drive  
Corner Hayman Road, Technology Park, Bentley

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This session is a **free** information seminar by WA Dementia Training Study Centre (WA DTSC). It will provide practical information in dementia care and give the opportunity for you to network with colleagues. The seminar will focus on the needs of health professionals caring for people living with dementia.

Antipsychotic medications have been used in the management of changed behaviour associated with dementia (also referred to as behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia, BPSD) for many years. This is despite their limited effectiveness and increasing evidence of adverse effects, such as movement disorders, excessive sedation and an increased risk of stroke.

Risperidone is the only antipsychotic currently licensed for use in the management of changed behaviour in Australia, and it is the most commonly used antipsychotic for this purpose. However, in 2015 new restrictions upon the use of risperidone for symptoms associated with dementia were introduced because of concerns about these adverse effects.

This presentation will outline the role of medications in managing changed behaviour in people living with dementia, with a focus on the tightened restrictions upon the use of risperidone. It is aimed at health professionals working within acute and residential aged care settings.



Anyone interested in furthering their dementia knowledge, keeping up-to-date with recent research and networking with colleagues is welcome to attend.

Register online at:  
<https://register.eventarc.com/33196/risperidone-use-in-people-with-dementia-what-do-the-new-restrictions-mean>

If you require assistance, please contact Denise Dallimore  
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