



# Long-Acting Injectable Antipsychotics and the Impact of Legislation Expanding Pharmacist Roles October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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#### Disclosures

None to disclose





#### Objectives

#### **Pharmacist Objectives**

- 1) Differentiate between long-acting injectable (LAIs) antipsychotics
- 2) Recommend appropriate dosing and administration
- 3) Discuss New York State's legislation regarding pharmacist administration of LAI psychotropic medications
- 4) Outline the process for administering LAIs in a practice setting
- 5) Discuss the location, room, and supplies needed for administering LAIs in a practice setting

#### Pharmacy Technician Objectives

1) Identify available LAI antipsychotics





#### Antipsychotics

#### Labeled indications

- Major depressive disorder
- Bipolar disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Schizoaffective disorder

#### Categorization

- Typical (first generation)
  - Example: haloperidol
- Atypical (second-generation)
  - Example: risperidone, aripiprazole





## Antipsychotic formulations

Tablets/oral disintegrating tablets

Patch

Liquid/suspensions

Inhalation powder

Immediate-release injections

Long-acting injections





### LAI Antipsychotics

Haloperidol decanoate\*

Fluphenazine decanoate

Aripiprazole injections\*

Risperidone injections

Paliperidone injections\*

Olanzapine pamoate





### American Psychiatric Association (APA) Guideline Recommendations

- LAIs recommended with history of poor or uncertain adherence
- In conjunction with person-centered treatment

#### Benefits of use

- Reduces medication nonadherence
- Flexible dosing strategies
- Continuous provider assessment
- Decreased likelihood of symptom relapse and rehospitalization compared to oral formulations
- Subjective sense of better symptom control





### Barriers to LAI Use



Logistics



Fear of injections



Cost



Prescriber discomfort



Service barriers





## Transitioning to LAIs from Oral Medication

- Select oral antipsychotic with corresponding LAI
- Establish efficacy and tolerability
  - Target symptom reduction evident
  - No adverse effects present warranting discontinuation
- Select dose according to established oral dose
- Continue/discontinue oral medication bridge depending on agent
- Little evidence for antipsychotic polypharmacy/dual LAIs

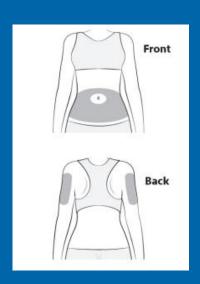




## LAI Formulations and Routes of Administration

- Decanoates
- Microspheres
- Suspensions

- Injection Sites
  - Intramuscular (IM)
    - Deltoid
    - Gluteal
  - Subcutaneous
    - Abdomen
    - Upper arm







#### Formulations

#### **Decanoates**

- Haloperidol and fluphenazine
- Ester form of drug attached to fatty acid chain
- Made in sesame oil
- May cause injection site pain

#### **Microspheres**

- Risperidone (Risperdal Consta<sup>®</sup>, Rykindo<sup>®</sup>)
- Active drug encapsulated in microspheres
- Multiphasic release
- Refrigeration required







#### Aqueous Suspensions

Risperidone injections

Paliperidone palmitate injections

Aripiprazole injections

Olanzapine pamoate





## Haloperidol and Fluphenazine Decanoate

Oral Overlap may be administered

Brand	Generic	Route	PO Conversion	Dosing	Range
Haldol Decanoate	haloperidol decanoate (50 mg/1 mL, 100 mg/1 mL)	IM (gluteal or deltoid	Depends on PO dose and severity of symptoms 10-20x PO dose	50-400 mg	
Prolixin Decanoate	fluphenazine decanoate (25 mg/1 mL)		1.25 x PO dose	12.5-100 mg	<b>Q2</b> -3 weeks





## Haloperidol and Fluphenazine Decanoate

- Avoid in those with sesame allergies
- Storage: protect from light
- Use Z-track administration technique
- 21G needle
- Monitor for extrapyramidal symptoms, blood pressure

- Haloperidol
  - Maximum first injection dose= 100 mg
  - Conventional dosing: 10-15x
     PO dose (doses of ≤10 mg)
  - Loading dose strategies:
    - 20x PO dose
    - 10x PO weekly x 4 weeks, then 20 x PO Q4weeks

Haloperidol Decanoate Injection [package insert]. Fluphenazine Decanoate Injection [package insert].





#### Aripiprazole Injections

- For those stabilized on aripiprazole
- Aripiprazole monohydrate
- Aripiprazole lauroxil (loading dose)
- Aripiprazole lauroxil
- Aripiprazole extended-release (recently approved in 2023)





### Aripiprazole LAIs

Brand	Generic	Route	Dosing
Abilify Maintena	aripiprazole monohydrate (300 mg, 400 mg, vial/syringe)	IM (Deltoid or Gluteal)	400 mg + 14 days oral overlap
Asimtufi <sup>®</sup>	Aripiprazole (720 mg, 960 mg pre- filled syringe)	IM (Gluteal)	10-20 mg PO aripiprazole= 960 mg Q2 months + 14 days oral overlap





#### Aripiprazole LAIs

Brand	Generic	Route	Dosing	
Aristada Initio	aripiprazole lauroxil (pre-filled syringe)	IM (Deltoid or Gluteal)		one 30 mg dose of oral on with the first injection
Aristada	aripiprazole lauroxil extended- release (pre-filled syringes)	IM (Gluteal only except 441 mg dose)*	10 mg 15 mg 20-30mg	441 mg Q4 Weeks 662 mg Q4 Weeks 882 mg Q6 Weeks 1064 Q8 Weeks 882 mg Q4 Weeks + 21 days oral overlap

Aristada Initio Injection [package insert]. Waltham, MA: Alkermes, Inc.; February 2020. Aristada [package insesrt]. Waltham, MA: Alkermes, Inc.;

February 2020.





### Aripiprazole and Drug Interactions

- Metabolism through cytochrome P450 (CYP) 2D6 and 3A4
- Consult manufacturer labeling
  - Strong CYP3A4 inhibition/induction
  - Strong CYP2D6 inhibition
  - Known CYP2D6 poor metabolizers





#### Risperidone LAIs

Brand	Generic	Route	Dosing	Oral Overlap
Risperdal Consta	risperidone microspheres (12.5 mg, 25 mg, 37.5 mg, 50 mg, reconstitute with 2 mL diluent, refrigerate)	IM (gluteal or deltoid)	Range: 12.5-50 mg Q 2 weeks 1 mg PO/day=12.5 mg Q2 weeks 2-3 mg PO/day=25 mg IM Q2 weeks 3-5 mg PO/day=37.5 mg Q2 weeks 4-5 mg PO/day: 50 mg Q2weeks	21 days
Rykindo	risperidone microspheres (12.5 mg, 25 mg, 37.5 mg, 50 mg)	IM (gluteal)	25 -50 mg IM Q2 weeks	7 days





### Risperidone LAIs

Brand	Generic	Route	Dosing	Oral Overlap
Perseris	risperidone extended- release (90 mg, 120 mg)	SQ (abdomen)	3 mg PO/day= 90 mg Q4 weeks 4 mg PO/day= 120 mg Q4 weeks	None
Uzedy	risperidone (50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 200, 250 mg pre-filled syringes)	SQ (abdomen/ Upper arm)	2 mg= 50 mg Qmonth or 100 mg Q2months 3 mg= 75 mg Qmonth or 150 mg Q2months 4 mg= 100 mg Qmonth or 200 mg Q2months	None





#### Storage and Preparation

Brand	Refrigeration (Y/N)	Protect from Light (Y/N)	Reconstitution (Y/N)
Risperdal Consta	Y (7 days maximum, room temperature)	N	Y (maximum storage of 6 hours after suspended)
Rykindo		N	Υ
Perseris	Y (30 days maximum, room temperature)	N	Y (reconstitute powder, use immediately)
Uzedy	Υ	Y	N

Risperdal Consta® [package insert]. Titusville, NJ: Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; January 2020.

Rykindo® [package insert]. Shandong Luye Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd; January 2023.

Perseris® [package insert]. North Chesterfield, VA: Indivior, Inc.; December 2019.

Uzedy™ [package insert]. Parsippany, NJ: Teva Neuroscience, Inc.,2023.





#### Paliperidone Injections

Paliperidone
Palmitate Q1
month (PP1M)

Paliperidone Palmitate Q6 months (PP6M)

Paliperidone Palmitate Q3 months (PP3M)





#### PP1M

Brand	Generic	Route	Dosing	Oral Overlap
Invega Sustenna	paliperidone palmitate (protect from light)	IM (Deltoid- initiation, Deltoid/gluteal- maintenance)	Normal renal function  Initiation: 234 mg x 1 dose on day 1, then 156 mg x 1 dose on day 4-8  Maintenance: dose dependent on oral dose: Paliperidone 3 mg PO= 39-78 mg monthly Paliperidone 6 mg PO= 117 mg monthly Paliperidone 9 mg PO= 156 mg monthly Paliperidone 12 mg PO= 234 mg monthly	None





## Paliperidone Palmitate Use in Renal Dysfunction

- Modified initiation dosing regimen for CrCl 50-80 mL/min: 156 mg x 1 dose on day 1, 78 mg x 1 dose on day 4-8
- PP1M/PP3M use not recommended with CrCl < 50 mL/min</li>
- PP6M use not recommended with CrCl < 90 mL/min</li>
- Monitor serum creatinine and for EPS





### Transitioning to PP3M and PP6M

May consider initiating after 4 PP1M injections or 1 PP3M injection

 PP6M administered via gluteal injection only

PP1M	PP3M	PP6M
Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent
78 mg	273 mg	
117 mg	410 mg	
156 mg	546 mg	1092 mg
234 mg	819 mg	1560 mg

Invega Hafyera™ [package insert]. Titusville, NJ: Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; January 2022.





### Olanzapine Pamoate

Brand	Generic	Route		Dos	sing		Oral Overlap
Zyprexa Relprevv	olanzapine pamoate	IM (Gluteal)	Olanzapine PO	First 8 weeks	After 8 weeks	Dosing Interval	None
	(210 mg, 300 mg, 405 mg)		10 mg/day	210mg	150 mg	Q2 weeks	
			10 mg/day	405 mg	300 mg	Q4 weeks	
		15 mg	15 mg/day		210 mg	Q2 weeks	
		15 mg/d	15 mg/day	300mg	405 mg	Q4 weeks	
			20 mg/day	300mg	300mg	Q2 weeks	





#### Risk of Post-injection Delirium Sedation Syndrome (PDSS) with Olanzapine Pamoate

- Constellation of symptoms including oversedation and delirium
  - Mimics olanzapine overdose
- FDA Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) program
  - Certified healthcare facilities and providers may administer only
  - Patients and pharmacies must be enrolled
  - Mandatory 3-hour monitoring period post-injection
  - Mandatory post-injection documentation





#### Early, Missed, or Late LAI Doses

- Patients frequently miss scheduled doses
- Consult package insert
  - Most will have explicit instructions on management

Table 3: Management of a Missed Maintenance Dose		
DOSING		
Resume regular monthly dosing as soon as possible at the patient's		
previously stabilized dose, followed by injections at monthly		
intervals.		
Resume the same dose the patient was previously stabilized on		
(unless the patient was stabilized on a dose of 234 mg, then the first		
2 injections should each be 156 mg) in the following manner:		
<ol> <li>Administer a deltoid injection as soon as possible.</li> </ol>		
2. Administer a second deltoid injection 1 week later at the same		
dose.		
3. Thereafter, resume administering the previously stabilized		
dose in the deltoid or gluteal muscle 1 month after the second		
injection.		
Restart dosing with recommended initiation (see Section 2.2,		
Table 1):		
<ol> <li>Administer a 234 mg deltoid injection on Day 1.</li> </ol>		
<ol><li>Administer a 156 mg deltoid injection 1 week later.</li></ol>		
3. Thereafter, resume administering the previously stabilized		
dose in the deltoid or gluteal muscle 1 month after the second		
injection.		





#### Administration

- Most LAIs are available in a kit and/or with pre-filled syringes
  - Use syringes provided only
- Carefully follow instructions
  - Preparation
  - Reconstitution
  - Manufacturer websites contain videos or graphics to assist



## New York's Psychotropic LAI Legislation & What it Means for Pharmacists





#### **Overview**

- 2022 Legislation
- Psychotropic Long-acting Medications and NY Law
- 2023 Amendment
- Training & Implementation





#### Objectives

- 1. Discuss New York's legislation regarding pharmacist administration of longacting injectable (LAI) psychotropic medications.
- 2. Outline the process for administering LAIs in a practice setting.
- Discuss the location, room, and supplies needed for administering LAIs in a practice setting.





#### Background

- NY is 1 of only 14 States that don't allow pharmacists to administer Long-Acting Injectable Antipsychotics (LAIs).
- Patients with mental illness struggle with adherence which contributes to high rates of readmission and/or recidivism.
- There is a need for improved access to treatment for mental health and substance use disorders; this includes LAIs that improve adherence.





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# 2022 Legislation Continued...

Such activity is conducted in accordance with regulations, promulgated or adopted by the commissioner, in consultation with the department of health and any other state agencies, as necessary, which shall include requirements for the following:

Training accredited by the accreditation council for pharmacy education, that may include educational experiences obtained through pharmacy school curricula, or a similar health authority or professional body appropriate for the medications being administered and their respective patient populations. Such training must be satisfactory to the commissioner and the department of health, in consultation with the board of pharmacy and any other state agencies, as necessary, which shall include, but not be limited to learning modules on techniques for administration by injections, indications, precautions, and contraindications in the use of agent or agents; record keeping and information; and handling emergencies, including anaphylaxis, needle-sticks and cardiopulmonary resuscitation





#### **First Generation Products**

- Fluphenazine decanoate
- Haloperidol decanoate

#### **Aripiprazole Products**

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- Abilify Asimtufii®
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- Aristada Initio®

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Current law allows RPhs to administer 10/17 products 4





#### 2023 Amendment: Bill A06779

- Waiting to be signed by the Governor.
- Removes restriction of deltoid muscle only.
- Clarifies no standing orders.
- Removes strict oversight of training.
- Clarifies notification requirements.





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Amendment would allow RPh administration of 16/17 products

\*\*\*3-hours monitoring in REMS registered facility w/ access to ER services



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#### 2023 Amendment: Bill A06779

2 paragraph b of subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education law, as 3 amended by chapter 5 of the laws of 2023, are amended to read as 4 follows:

The injection of medications [into the deltoid muscle] for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorder, as prescribed or ordered by a licensed prescriber, acting within the scope of their practice in this state and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner, in consultation with the department of health and any other state agencies as necessary, provided that:

(1) Such administration is conducted pursuant to a valid <u>patient-specific</u> prescription or <u>patient-specific</u> order that authorizes a pharmacist to administer medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorder [and the]. The pharmacist [notifies] shall notify the licensed prescriber that the administration is complete within five days and shall convey such information to the prescriber by making an entry into an interoperable electronic medical records system, an electronic prescribing technology or a pharmacy record, or by using facsimile, electronic transmission or other electronic means. If an electronic means described in this subparagraph is not available to the pharmacist at the time of communication, the pharmacist or pharmacist's designee may communicate

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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#### 2023 Amendment: Bill A06779

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the information by telephone. Notification shall also be required if a patient does not receive an administration or if the patient experiences any side effects or adverse reactions to the medications. Administration in a pharmacy [may] shall not commence until after the patient has received the initial injection and is considered eligible for maintenance treatment by the licensed prescriber.

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#### 2023 Amendment Bill A06779

(i) [Training accredited by the accreditation council for pharmacy education, that may include educational experiences obtained through pharmacy school curricula, or a similar health authority or professional body appropriate for the medications being administered and their respective patient populations. Such training must be satisfactory to the commissioner and the department of health, in consultation with the board of pharmacy and any other state agencies, as necessary, which shall include, but not be limited to learning modules on techniques for administration by injections, indications, precautions, and contraindications in the use of agent or agents; record keeping and information; and handling emergencies, including anaphylaxis, needle sticks and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(ii) Maintaining continued competency regarding the populations served and medications administered.

[(iii)] (iii) Pre-administration patient consent and education regarding common side effects, drug interactions, injection site reactions and other information routinely provided to patients upon dispensing. If a patient is unable to provide consent, the pharmacist must obtain consent from a person legally responsible when the recipient is incapable of consenting.

[(iv)] (iii) When administering an injection in a pharmacy, the pharmacist shall provide an area for the injection that provides for the patient's privacy.

[(v) Record keeping and reporting of such administration by electronic transmission or facsimile to the patient's licensed prescriber, and, to the extent practicable, make himself or herself available to discuss the outcome of such injection, including any adverse reactions, with the licensed prescriber acting within their scope of practice.





# Great Resource on LAIs: AAPP.org

# Psychotropic Long-Acting Injectable (LAI) Training Program



#### Expanding Access to Mental Health Care

#### **LAI Training Program**

LAI Resources: Pocket Guide, Videos, Administrative Toolkit

Introduction to LAIs and Patient Selection

**Antipsychotic LAI Pharmacology and Dosing** 

Antipsychotic LAI Preparation, Administration, and Storage

Antipsychotic LAI Adverse Effects, Mitigation Strategies, and Monitoring

Substance Use Disorder LAIs: Naltrexone and Buprenorphine

**Building a LAI Practice** 

Certificate of Completion

#### **Psychotropic LAI Training Program**

#### Expand Access to LAIs, Expand Care

Pharmacists can play an instrumental role in the administration of psychotropic long-acting injectable (LAI) medications (antipsychotics, naltrexone, buprenorphine) but may lack the training needed to perform this important service. This mutli-faceted, on demand educational activity aims to reduce barriers and increase patient access to LAIs through a universal training program that includes, but is not limited to, appropriate patient selection, LAI preparation and administration techniques, and insights into methods to engage a patient population with serious mental illness.

#### **Disclosure on State Training Requirements**

The ability of a pharmacist to administer injectable medications is based on individual state regulations. Each state has its own unique LAI training requirements. Please review the regulations for the state you practice in to determine whether the program meets your needs and whether additional training beyond this program is required prior to administering LAI medications to patients.

#### **Access LAI Toolkits/Resources**



LAI Administration Videos



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# Great Resource on LAIs: SMIAdvisor.org/about/lai









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# Implementation





# First Steps: Get Trained

- New legislation loosens restrictions on training and competency.
- Learn how to store, prepare, and administer LAIs. A lot different than vaccines.
- LAI administration requires different injection techniques...
  - Aspiration: Ensures needle tip is in the desired location
  - Z-track injection: Avoids leakage
  - Gluteal muscle: Allows for larger volume





# Develop Compliant Policies Procedures

- Appointment only vs walk-ins.
- Physical space: room vs partition vs curtain
- Documentation and communication with patient and provider.\*
- LAI storage and handling.
- Patient monitoring and emergency protocol.
- Strongly encourage use of a chaperone for gluteal injections.





# Supplies Needed

- Alcohol swabs
- Gauze pads
- Adhesive bandage
- FGA: 3mL syringes, 21g 1" and 1.5" needles
- Disposable gloves
- Most newer LAIs come in prefilled syringes





# Supplies Needed

- Refrigerator space
  - Risperdal Consta and Vivitrol require refrigeration.
- Sharps container
- Patient education materials
- Forms to document consent, administration site, reaction, etc.
- Emergency Kit
- Sanitizer/Sink





#### Suggested Workflow

- 1. Confirm/schedule patient appointment
- 2. Identify area for injection
- 3. Greet patient and explain your role
- 4. Confirm patient's readiness to receive their injection (sign consent)
- 5. Inform the patient that you'll prepare the injection and return
- 6. Explain where the injection will be administered
- 7. Prepare and administer the injection
- 8. Observe for 15 minutes (may vary based on medication)
- 9. Schedule next appointment
- 10. Inquire about next appointment with patient's provider
- 11. Document injection and send communication to provider (5 days)





# Billing

Pharmacists will need to work with their pharmacy software company or billing service to establish the infrastructure necessary to bill for LAI administration.

Many third-party payers provide coverage for administration of LAIs

- Medicaid
- Medicare Part D
- Private Insurance
- Pharmaceutical Companies\*





## Become a Care Center

- Aristada.com/Find-Provider
- OtsukaPatientSupport.com/Abilify-Mainten
- JanssenConnectLocator.com
- Sublocade.com/Find-A-Treatment-Provider





#### Kendra's Law

- Established Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs for counties.
- Court ordered treatment and supervision for outpatients w/ a history of violence toward themselves or others.
- Legally compels patients to receive and accept treatment; including medications such as LAIs.





### Kendra's Law

- AOT programs vary by county.
- Some patients in AOT will be maintained on LAIs.
- Contact your county's AOT.





#### **Assessment Question 1:**

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