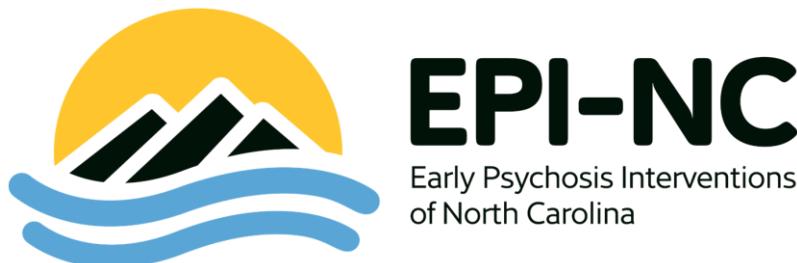


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Long Acting Injectables

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Why Recommend a LAI

- LAIs should be discussed and offered from the very beginning and not just for patients where you suspect adherence issues
- First line medications include Aripiprazole and Risperidone – both have various LAI options
- LAIs offer many benefits including reducing rates of hospitalization, improving adherence, relapse reduction, and symptom improvements
- Use in newly diagnosed schizophrenia is associated with decreased all-cause mortality and suicide risk
- See [this resource](#) for more ideas of how to talk with patients and families about LAIs

What is Available?

- The two main medications with LAI options are Risperidone/Paliperidone and Aripiprazole
- There are multiple different products with various dosage schedules ranging from every 2 weeks to every 6 months.
- [Here](#) is a recent overview of LAI medications from Pharmacy Practice News, June 2024
- Up to date is also a helpful resource

Guidance for Transitioning from PO to LAI

- General guidance is to always trial the PO version first to ensure tolerability prior to administering the first injection
- Some products require oral overlap, others do not
- See individual product information for specific guidance for how to initiate each product

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