

# Disruptive Behavior Disorder or Severe Aggression in Children under Age 6

**Level 0**      ■ Comprehensive diagnostic assessment (See Principles of Practice).

**Level 1**      ■ Psychosocial intervention.  
- Evidence-based psychotherapeutic intervention (parent management training or parent-child interaction therapy) first line treatment for 3-6 months.

**Level 2**      ■ Only in cases of severe impairment, severe aggression, or failure of psychosocial treatment.  
- Low dose risperidone.

**Level 3**      ■ Discontinuation trial after 6 months of any effective medication treatment.

**Not Recommended:**

■ Use of medication without concurrent psychosocial treatment.