

A guide to clonazepam oral liquid

Clonazepam is used to treat pain that occurs as a result of damage to or from a disturbance in the function of nerves (called neuropathic pain). It is also used to control or prevent seizures and to relieve panic attacks.

Brand name:

Rivotril®

How to use clonazepam oral liquid

The drops are used instead of tablets, that is, the drops are to be taken by the mouth. Your doctor will order this medicine as a number of drops.

Use only the dropper supplied in the bottle.

Count drops onto a spoon to give the liquid rather than putting the drops directly into the mouth. **Do not give the drops directly into the mouth from the bottle.**

After each administration, make sure that the dropper is secure in the neck of the bottle.

Clonazepam can be given with water, tea or fruit juice.

Common side effects of clonazepam

Side effects from clonazepam are usually temporary

- Drowsiness, tiredness
- Lack of coordination, unsteadiness
- Confusion, lack of concentration
- Headache, hangover feeling in morning

Some medicines, such as sedatives and anti-depressants, or alcohol may increase the side-effects of clonazepam. Ask your health professional (eg doctor, nurse, pharmacist) for advice.

Do not stop taking this medicine suddenly unless your doctor tells you to, otherwise you may get withdrawal symptoms such as anxiety, sweating, being unable to sleep, or headache.

Clonazepam and driving

This medicine may cause drowsiness and affect your ability to drive or operate machinery; avoid these activities until you know how you are affected.

If you are unsure how much to give or how to use the drops, ask your health professional.

The information provided in this leaflet is a guide only and it is important to ask your health professional if you have questions or concerns about the use of clonazepam.

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