



long-term clonazepam studies in patients with panic disorder to accurately estimate the risks of withdrawal symptoms and dependence that may be associated with such use.

**OVERDOSAGE**

***Human Experience:*** Symptoms of clonazepam overdose, like those produced by other CNS depressants, include somnolence, confusion, coma and diminished reflexes.

***Overdose Management:*** Treatment includes monitoring of respiration, pulse and blood pressure, general supportive measures and immediate gastric lavage. Intravenous fluids should be administered and an adequate airway maintained. Hypotension may be combated by the use of levarterenol or metaraminol. Dialysis is of no known value.

Flumazenil, a specific benzodiazepine-receptor antagonist, is indicated for the complete or partial reversal of the sedative effects of benzodiazepines and may be used in situations when an overdose with a benzodiazepine is known or suspected. Prior to the administration of flumazenil, necessary measures should be instituted to secure airway, ventilation and intravenous access. Flumazenil is intended as an adjunct to, not as a substitute for, proper management of benzodiazepine overdose. Patients treated with flumazenil should be monitored for re sedation, respiratory depression and other residual benzodiazepine effects for an appropriate period after treatment. **The prescriber should be aware of a risk of seizure in association with flumazenil treatment, particularly in long-term benzodiazepine users and in cyclic anti-depressant overdose.** The complete flumazenil package insert, including CONTRAINDICATIONS, WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS, should be consulted prior to use.

**Flumazenil is not indicated in patients with epilepsy who have been treated with benzodiazepines. Antagonism of the benzodiazepine effect in such patients may provoke seizures.** Serious sequelae are rare unless other drugs or alcohol have been taken concomitantly.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Clonazepam is available as a tablet. The tablets should be administered with water by swallowing the tablet whole.

***Seizure Disorders: Adults:*** The initial dose for adults with seizure disorders should not exceed 1.5 mg/day divided into three doses. Dosage may be increased in increments of 0.5 to 1 mg every 3 days until seizures are adequately controlled or until side effects preclude any further increase. Maintenance dosage must be individualized for each patient depending upon response. Maximum recommended daily dose is 20 mg.

The use of multiple anticonvulsants may result in an increase of depressant adverse effects. This should be considered before adding Klonopin to an existing anticonvulsant regimen.

***Pediatric Patients:*** Klonopin is administered orally. In order to minimize drowsiness, the initial dose for infants and children (up to 10 years of age or 30 kg of body weight) should be between 0.01 and 0.03 mg/kg/day but not to exceed 0.05 mg/kg/day given in two or three divided doses. Dosage should be increased by no more than 0.25 to 0.5 mg every third day until a daily maintenance dose of 0.1 to 0.2 mg/kg of body weight has been reached, unless seizures are controlled or side effects preclude further increase. Whenever possible, the daily dose should be divided into three equal doses. If doses are not equally divided, the largest dose should be given before retiring.

***Geriatric Patients:*** There is no clinical trial experience with Klonopin in seizure disorder patients 65 years of age and older. In general, elderly patients should be started on low doses of Klonopin and observed closely (see PRECAUTIONS: *Geriatric Use*).

***Panic Disorder: Adults:*** The initial dose for adults with panic disorder is 0.25 mg bid. An increase to the target dose for most patients of 1 mg/day may be made after 3 days. The recommended dose of 1 mg/day is based on the results from a fixed dose study in which the optimal effect was seen at 1 mg/day. Higher doses of 2, 3 and 4 mg/day in that study were less effective than the 1 mg/day dose and were associated with more adverse effects. Nevertheless, it is possible that some individual patients may benefit from doses of up to a maximum dose of 4 mg/day, and in those instances, the dose may be increased in increments of 0.125 to 0.25 mg bid every 3 days until panic disorder is controlled or until side effects make further increases undesired. To reduce the inconvenience of somnolence, administration of one dose at bedtime may be desirable.

Treatment should be discontinued gradually, with a decrease of 0.125 mg bid every 3 days, until the drug is completely withdrawn.

There is no body of evidence available to answer the question of how long the patient treated with clonazepam should remain on it. Therefore, the physician who elects to use Klonopin for extended periods should periodically reevaluate the long-term usefulness of the drug for the individual patient.




***Pediatric Patients:*** There is no clinical trial experience with Klonopin in panic disorder patients under 18 years of age.

***Geriatric Patients:*** There is no clinical trial experience with Klonopin in panic disorder patients 65 years of age and older. In general, elderly patients should be started on low doses of Klonopin and observed closely (see PRECAUTIONS: *Geriatric Use*).

**HOW SUPPLIED**

Klonopin tablets are available as scored tablets with a K-shaped perforation—0.5 mg, orange (NDC 0004-0068-01); and unscored tablets with a K-shaped perforation—1 mg, blue (NDC 0004-0058-01); 2 mg, white (NDC 0004-0098-01)—bottles of 100.

Imprint on tablets:

0.5 mg	—	1/2 KLONOPIN (front)	
		ROCHE (scored side)	
1 mg	—	1 KLONOPIN (front)	
		ROCHE (reverse side)	
2 mg	—	2 KLONOPIN (front)	
		ROCHE (reverse side)	


Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F).

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<p><b>Medication Guide</b></p> <p><b>KLONOPIN (KLOH-oh-pin)</b> (clonazepam) Tablets, </p>
<p><b>What is the most important information I should know about KLONOPIN?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Do not stop taking KLONOPIN without first talking to your healthcare provider.</b> Stopping KLONOPIN suddenly can cause serious side effects.</li> <li>• <b>KLONOPIN is a benzodiazepine medicine. Benzodiazepines can cause severe drowsiness, breathing problems (respiratory depression), coma, and death when taken with opioid medicines.</b></li> <li>• <b>KLONOPIN can make you sleepy or dizzy and can slow your thinking and motor skills. This may get better over time.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how KLONOPIN affects you.</li> <li>◦ KLONOPIN may cause problems with your coordination, especially when you are walking or picking things up.</li></ul></li></ul>

- **Do not drink alcohol or take other drugs that may make you sleepy or dizzy while taking KLONOPIN until you talk to your healthcare provider.** When taken with alcohol or drugs that cause sleepiness or dizziness, KLONOPIN may make your sleepiness or dizziness worse.
- **Like other antiepileptic drugs, KLONOPIN may cause suicidal thoughts or actions in a very small number of people, about 1 in 500.**

**Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms, especially if they are new, worse, or worry you:**

- thoughts about suicide or dying
- new or worse anxiety
- trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- acting on dangerous impulses
- attempts to commit suicide
- feeling agitated or restless
- new or worse irritability
- an extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)
- new or worse depression
- panic attacks
- acting aggressive, being angry, or violent
- other unusual changes in behavior or mood

**How can I watch for early symptoms of suicidal thoughts and actions?**

- Pay attention to any changes, especially sudden changes, in mood, behaviors, thoughts, or feelings.
- Keep all follow-up visits with your healthcare provider as scheduled.

Call your healthcare provider between visits as needed, especially if you are worried about symptoms.

Suicidal thoughts or actions can be caused by things other than medicines. If you have suicidal thoughts or actions, your healthcare provider may check for other causes.

- **Do not stop KLONOPIN without first talking to a healthcare provider.**
  - Stopping KLONOPIN suddenly can cause serious problems. Stopping KLONOPIN suddenly can cause seizures that will not stop (status epilepticus).
  - **KLONOPIN may harm your unborn or developing baby.**
    - If you take KLONOPIN during pregnancy, your baby is at risk for serious birth defects. These defects can happen as early as in the first month of pregnancy, even before you know you are pregnant. Birth defects may occur even in children born to women who are not taking any medicines and do not have other risk factors.
    - Children born to mothers receiving benzodiazepine medications (including KLONOPIN) late in pregnancy may be at some risk of experiencing breathing problems, feeding problems, hypothermia, and withdrawal symptoms.
    - Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant while taking KLONOPIN. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take KLONOPIN while you are pregnant.
    - If you become pregnant while taking KLONOPIN, talk to your healthcare provider about registering with the North American Antiepileptic Drug Pregnancy Registry. You can register by calling 1-888-233-2334. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the safety of antiepileptic drugs during pregnancy.
    - KLONOPIN can pass into breast milk. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you take KLONOPIN. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take KLONOPIN or breast feed. You should not do both.
- **KLONOPIN can cause abuse and dependence.**
  - Do not stop taking KLONOPIN all of a sudden. Stopping KLONOPIN suddenly can cause seizures that do not stop, hearing or seeing things that are not there (hallucinations), shaking, and stomach and muscle cramps.
  - Talk to your healthcare provider about slowly stopping KLONOPIN to avoid withdrawal symptoms.
  - Physical dependence is not the same as drug addiction. Your healthcare provider can tell you more about the differences between physical dependence and drug addiction.

- **KLONOPIN is a federal controlled substance (C-IV) because it can be abused or lead to dependence.** Keep KLONOPIN in a safe place to prevent misuse and abuse. Selling or giving away KLONOPIN may harm others, and is against the law. Tell your healthcare provider if you have ever abused or been dependent on alcohol, prescription medicines or street drugs.

**What is KLONOPIN?**

KLONOPIN is a prescription medicine used alone or with other medicines to treat:

- certain types of seizure disorders (epilepsy) in adults and children
- panic disorder with or without fear of open spaces (agoraphobia) in adults

It is not known if KLONOPIN is safe or effective in treating panic disorder in children younger than 18 years old.

**Do not take KLONOPIN if you:**

- are allergic to benzodiazepines
- have significant liver disease
- have an eye disease called acute narrow angle glaucoma

**Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if you have any of the problems listed above.**

**Before you take KLONOPIN,tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have liver or kidney problems
- have lung problems (respiratory disease)
- have or have had depression, mood problems, or suicidal thoughts or behavior

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Taking KLONOPIN with certain other medicines can cause side effects or affect how well KLONOPIN or the other medicines work. Do not start or stop other medicines without talking to your healthcare provider.

**How should I take KLONOPIN?**

- Take KLONOPIN exactly as your healthcare provider tells you. KLONOPIN is available as a tablet.
- Do not stop taking KLONOPIN without first talking to your healthcare provider. Stopping KLONOPIN suddenly can cause serious problems.
- KLONOPIN tablets should be taken with water and swallowed whole.
- If you take too much KLONOPIN, call your healthcare provider or local Poison Control Center right away.

**What should I avoid while taking KLONOPIN?**

- KLONOPIN can slow your thinking and motor skills. Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how KLONOPIN affects you.
- Do not drink alcohol or take other medicines that may make you sleepy or dizzy while taking KLONOPIN until you talk to your healthcare provider. When taken with alcohol or medicines that cause sleepiness or dizziness, KLONOPIN may make your sleepiness or dizziness much worse.

**What are the possible side effects of KLONOPIN?**

**See “What is the most important information I should know about KLONOPIN?”**

KLONOPIN can also make your seizures happen more often or make them worse. Call your healthcare provider right away if your seizures get worse while taking KLONOPIN.

**The most common side effects of KLONOPIN include:**

- drowsiness
- problems with walking and coordination
- dizziness
- depression
- fatigue
- problems with memory

These are not all the possible side effects of KLONOPIN. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088. You may also report side effects to Genentech at 1-888-835-2555.

**How should I store KLONOPIN?**

- Store KLONOPIN between 59°F to 86°F (15°C to 30°C)
- **Keep KLONOPIN and all medicines out of the reach of children**

**General information about the safe and effective use of KLONOPIN**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use KLONOPIN for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give KLONOPIN to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about KLONOPIN that is written for health professionals.

**What are the ingredients in KLONOPIN?**

**Active ingredient:** clonazepam

**Inactive ingredients:**

**Tablets:**

- 0.5 mg tablets contain lactose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, corn starch, FD&C Yellow No. 6 Lake
- 1 mg tablets contain lactose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, corn starch, FD&C Blue No. 1 Lake and FD&C Blue No. 2 Lake
- 2 mg tablets contain lactose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, corn starch

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