

Clonium[®]

Clonazepam

Description

Clonium[®] is a preparation of Clonazepam which exerts its antiseizure and antipanic effects by enhancing activity of gamma aminobutyric acid (GABA), the major inhibitory neurotransmitter in the central nervous system.

Indication

1. All clinical forms of epileptic disease and seizures in infants, children and adults including-
 - Atypical absence (Petit mal)
 - Primary or secondary generalized tonic-clonic (grand mal)
 - Tonic or clonic seizures
 - Partial (focal) seizure
 - Myoclonic seizures
 - Myoclonous
2. Panic attack
3. Bipolar affective disorder
4. Drug-induced dyskinesia
5. Choreiform movement
6. Fulgurant pain
7. Tourette's syndrome
8. Resistant depression
9. Nocturnal myoclonus
10. Trigeminal neuralgia

Dose

Adult and elderly

Initial dose: 1 mg/day in divided dose (Elderly 0.5 mg) at night for 4 nights

Maintenance dose: According to response the usual maintenance dose of 4-8 mg daily in 3-4 divided doses over 2-4 weeks.

Infants & children

Up to 1 year: 0.25 mg/day in divided dose increases up to 0.5-1 mg

Up to 5 year: 0.25 mg/day in divided dose increases up to 1-3 mg

Up to 5-12 year: 0.5 mg/day in divided dose increases up to 3-6 mg

Use in pregnancy and lactation

Use of Clonazepam during pregnancy and lactation should be avoided. Clonazepam is excreted into breast milk. Mothers receiving clonazepam should not breast-feed their infants.

Side effects

The common side effects of Clonazepam are fatigue, muscle weakness, dizziness, light headedness, somnolence, hypersalivation in infants, occasional hypotonia and co-ordination disturbances.

Contraindications

Patients with known hypersensitivity to benzodiazepines or any other drug excipients; acute pulmonary insufficiency; severe respiratory insufficiency, sleep apnoea syndrome, myasthenia gravis and severe hepatic insufficiency.

Precautions

When used in patients in whom several different types of seizure disorders coexist, clonazepam may increase the incidence or precipitate the onset of generalized tonic-clonic seizures. The abrupt withdrawal of clonazepam, particularly in those patients on long-term, high-dose therapy, may precipitate status epilepticus. Caution should be exercised in the administration of the drug to patients with impaired renal function. Clonazepam may produce an increase in salivation. Clonazepam should be used with caution in patients with chronic respiratory diseases.

Drug interaction

The CNS-depressant action of benzodiazepines class of drugs may be potentiated by alcohol, narcotics, barbiturates hypnotics, antianxiety agents, the phenothiazines, thioxanthenes and butrophenone classes of antipsychotic agents, mono-amino oxidase inhibitors and the tricyclic antidepressants and other anticonvulsants.

Overdose

Symptoms of clonazepam overdosage include somnolence, confusion, coma, and diminished reflexes. 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.

Pharmaceutical precautions

Store in a cool place. Protect from light.

Presentation

Clonium® 0.5 mg tablet: Beige colored, round tablet. Each tablet contains Clonazepam BP 0.5mg.

Clonium® 1 mg tablet: Light pink colored, round tablet. Each tablet contains Clonazepam BP 1mg.

Clonium® 2 mg tablet: Light orange tablet. Each tablet contains Clonazepam BP 2mg.

Package quantities

Clonium® 0.5 mg: Carton of 100 tablets in Alu-PVC blister.

Clonium® 1 mg tablet: Carton of 50 tablets in Alu-PVC blister.

Clonium® 2 mg tablet: Carton of 50 tablets in Alu-PVC blister.

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