

# Clonazepam

## Usage

Clonazepam is an anti convulsant used to control seizures/fits. It can be useful in several types of seizures such as epileptic spasms and myoclonic seizures. Clonazepam must be prescribed by a doctor. You should never give your child anyone else's medications.

## Side Effects

**All medications have side effects. Not everyone will experience side effects. Below are some of the possible side effects your child may experience.**

- Sedation and drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Ataxia
- Hyper salivation and drooling
- Dry mouth
- Slurred speech
- Forgetfulness
- Confusion
- Irritability
- Hyper excitability
- Fatigue
- Depression

## Rare Side Effects

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Itchiness

## Can other medications be given with Clonazepam?

Your Doctor will check and make sure that other drugs your child is taking are compatible with Clonazepam.

Depression of breathing can occur if used with other medicines that suppress the brain. This is especially important in children with swallowing and movement problems.

It is important patients can think clearly on Clonazepam especially if driving.

## Epilepsy and Pregnancy

If a pregnancy is planned, a discussion with your neurologist is recommended.

Any issues related to child bearing please refer to the PENNSW website:  
[www.PENNSW.com.au](http://www.PENNSW.com.au).

## What else do I need to Know?

This medication should not be stopped suddenly as seizures may increase. There is also a withdrawal syndrome in chronic use.

## Monitoring and Levels

Drug monitoring is not performed.