

Medication Information

Clonazepam (Cloe – na – ze – pam)

Other names for this medication

Rivotril®

There are many other names for this medication.

How this medication is used

This medication is used to decrease anxiety and feelings of panic. It may also be used to treat and prevent seizures, and promote sleep.

If you are pregnant or thinking about getting pregnant, talk to your doctor about the risks and benefits of taking this medication.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. You should not take more of this medication without talking to your doctor first.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

If you take this medication regularly, do not stop taking it without checking with your doctor first.

This medication makes some people drowsy. Until you know how this medication makes you feel, do not drive or operate machinery.

Always check with your doctor or health care provider before taking any over-the-counter medications such as antihistamines, cold remedies or natural and herbal products.

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While taking this medication you may notice

- a change in coordination or loss in balance
- drowsiness or sedation
- dizziness

To avoid feeling dizzy, get up slowly when you have been sitting or lying down. If you feel dizzy, sit or lie down until you are no longer dizzy, then get up slowly.

This medication increases the effects of alcohol making you more sleepy, dizzy and lightheaded. Do not drink alcohol such as wine, beer or liquor while taking this medication.

Contact your doctor if you notice

- continuing dizziness or drowsiness
- nightmares
- unusual excitement or nervousness
- muscle spasms
- unusually slow heart beat
- slow breathing
- confusion
- a loss in balance leading to falls
- forgetfulness

Contact your pharmacist if you have any questions about your medication.