CLOBAZAM oral suspension, CIV Initial U.S. Approval: 2011

WARNING: RISKS FROM CONCOMITANT USE WITH OPIOIDS; ABUSE, MISUSE, AND ADDICTION: and DEPENDENCE AND WITHDRAWAL REACTIONS

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Concomitant use of benzodiazepines and opioids may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death. Reserve concomitant prescribing of these drugs for patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate. Limit dosages and durations to the minimum required. Follow patients for signs and symptoms of respiratory depression and sedation (5.1, 7.1).
- The use of benzodiazepines, including clobazam, exposes users to risks of abuse, misuse, and addiction, which can lead to overdose or death. Before prescribing clobazam and throughout treatment, assess each patient's risk for abuse, misuse, and addiction (5.2).
- Abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction of clobazam after continued use may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, which can be life-threatening. To reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue clobazam or reduce the dosage (2.2, 5.3).

--- RECENT MAJOR CHANGES--

 Warnings and Precautions (5.8) 1/2023

-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE--Clobazam is a benzodiazepine indicated for adjunctive treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (LGS) in • Alcohol: Increases blood levels of clobazam by about 50% (7.2) patients 2 years of age or older (1)

-----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----

- For doses above 5 mg/day administer in two divided doses (2.1) Patients ≤30 kg body weight: Initiate at 5 mg daily and
- titrate as tolerated up to 20 mg daily (2.1) • Patients >30 kg body weight: Initiate at 10 mg daily and Pregnancy: Based on animal data, may cause fetal harm (8.1)
- titrate as tolerated up to 40 mg daily (2.1) Dosage adjustment needed in following groups:
- o Geriatric patients (2.4, 8.5)
- Known CYP2C19 poor metabolizers (2.5)

←→ 35 MM **←→**

- Mild or moderate hepatic impairment; no information for
- severe hepatic impairment (2.7, 8.8)

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- 'he continued use of benzodiazepines, including clobazam, may lead to clinical significant physical dependence. The risks of dependence and withdrawal increaith longer treatment duration and higher daily dose. Abrupt disc or rapid dosage reduction of clobazam after continued use may precipitat acute withdrawal reactions, which can be life-threatening. To reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue clobazam or reduce the dosage [see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

izam oral suspension is indicated for the adjunctive treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (LGS) in patients 2 years of age or older.

Measure prescribed amount of oral suspension using provided
 2.3 Important Administration Instructions

adapter and dosing syringe (2.3) Can be taken with or without food (2.3)

-----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----

 2.5 mg/mL in 120 mL bottles (3) ----CONTRAINDICATIONS----

History of hypersensitivity to the drug or its ingredients (4)

-----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----• Somnolence or Sedation: Monitor for central nervous system (CNS) depression. Risk may be increased with concomitant

use of other CNS depressants (5.4, 5.5)

- Serious Dermatological Reactions (including Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis): Discontinue clobazam at first sign of rash unless the rash is clearly not drug-related (5.6)
- Suicidal Behavior and Ideation: Monitor for suicidal thoughts or behaviors (5.7)
- Neonatal Sedation and Withdrawal Syndrome: Clobazam use during pregnancy can result in neonatal sedation and/or neonatal withdrawal (5.8, 8.1)

-----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----

Adverse reactions that occurred at least 10% more frequently than placebo in any clobazam dose included constipation, somnolence or sedation, pyrexia, lethargy, and drooling (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc., at 1-866-923-4914 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

-----DRUG INTERACTIONS---

- Drugs metabolized by CYP2D6: Lower doses of these drugs may be required when used concomitantly with clobazam (7.3) • Strong or Moderate CYP2C19 Inhibitors: Dosage adjustment
- of clobazam may be necessary (7.4)

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information are not listed. DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

twice daily; a 5 mg daily dose can be administered as a single dose. Dose patients according to body weight. Individualize dosing within each body weight group, based on clinical efficacy and tolerability. Each dose in Table 1 (e.g., 5 mg to 20 mg in ≤30 kg weight group) has been shown to be effective, although effectiveness increases with increasing dose [see Clinical Studies (14)]. Do not proceed with dose escalation more rapidly than weekly, because serum concentrations of clobazam and its active metabolite require 5 and 9 days, respectively, to reach steady-state.

Table 1. Recommended Total Daily Dosing by Weight Group

	≤30 kg Body Weight	>30 kg Body Weight
Starting Dose	5 mg	10 mg
Starting Day 7	10 mg	20 mg
Starting Day 14	20 mg	40 mg

2.2 Discontinuation or Dosage Reduction of Clobazam To reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, increased seizure frequency, and status epilepticus

use a gradual taper to discontinue clobazam or reduce the dosage. Taper by decreasing the total daily dose by 5 to 10 mg/day on a weekly basis until discontinued. If a patient develops withdrawa reactions, consider pausing the taper or increasing the dosage to the previous tapered dosage level. Subsequently decrease the dosage more slowly [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Drug Abuse

ct patients to read the "Instructions for Use" carefully for complete directions on how to properly dose and administer clobazam oral suspension Clobazam Oral Suspension Oral Administration

Clobazam oral suspension can be taken with or without food Isee Clinical Pharmacology (12.3). chake clobazam oral suspension well before every administration. When administering the oral suspension, use only the oral dosing syringe provided with the product, Each carton includes two syringes, but only one syringe should be used for dosing. The second oral syringe is reserved as a placement in case the first syringe is damaged or lost. Insert the provided adapter firmly into the neck of the bottle before first use and keep the adapter in place for the duration of the usage of the bottle. To withdraw the dose, insert the dosing syringe into the adapter and invert the bottle then slowly pull back the plunger to prescribed dose. After removing the syringe from the bottle adapter, slowly quirt clobazam oral suspension into the corner of the patient's mouth. Replace the cap after each use. The cap fits over the adapter when the adapter is properly placed. See clobazam oral suspension nstructions for Use" for complete instruction on how to properly dose and administer the clobazar

Dosage Adjustments in Geriatric Patients

na concentrations at any given dose are generally higher in the elderly: proceed slowly with dose ation. The starting dose should be 5 mg/day for all elderly patients. Then titrate elderly patients ccording to weight, but to half the dose presented in Table 1, as tolerated. If necessary and based upon reight) may be started on day 21 [see Use in Specific Populations (8.5)].

Dosage Adjustments in CYP2C19 Poor Metabolizers

Patients with Renal Impairment

In CYP2C19 poor metabolizers, levels of N-desmethylclohazam clohazam's active metabolite will be ased. Therefore, in patients known to be CYP2C19 poor metabolizers, the starting dose should be ng/day and dose titration should proceed slowly according to weight, but to half the dose presented in Table 1, as tolerated. If necessary and based upon clinical response, an additional titration to the num dose (20 mg/day or 40 mg/day, depending on the weight group) may be started on day 21 ee Use in Specific Populations (8.6), Clinical Pharmacology (12.5))

No dose adjustment is required for patients with mild and moderate renal impairment. There is no

It is not known if clobazam or its active metabolite, N-desmethylclobazam, is dialyzable *[see Use in 6]*

2.7 Dosage Adjustments in Patients with Hepatic Impairment ram is hepatically metabolized; however, there are limited data to characterize the effect of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of clobazam. For this reason, proceed slowly with dosing lations. For patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh score 5 to 9), th starting dose should be 5 mg/day in both weight groups. Then titrate patients according to weight, but to half the dose presented in Table 1, as tolerated. If necessary and based upon clinical response, start dditional titration on day 21 to the maximum dose (20 mg/day or 40 mg/day, depending on the weight group). There is inadequate information about metabolism of clobazam in patients with severe ic impairment. Therefore no dosing recommendation in those patients can be given [see Use in Specific Populations (8.8), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS 2.5 mg/mL for oral administration. Each bottle contains 120 mL of an off-white

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Clobazam oral suspension is contraindicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to the drug or its ingredients. Hypersensitivity reactions have included serious dermatological reactions (see Warnings

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Risks from Concomitant Use with Opioids oncomitant use of benzodiazepines, including clobazam, and opioids may result in profound sedation. spiratory depression, coma, and death. Because of these risks, reserve concomitant prescribing of benzodiazepines and opioids for patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate. rvational studies have demonstrated that concomitant use of opioid ana

reases the risk of drug-related mortality compared to use of opioids alone. If a decision is made to durations of concomitant use, and follow patients closely for signs and symptoms of respiratory epression and sedation. Advise both patients and caregivers about the risks of respiratory depression and sedation when clohazam is used with opinids [see Drug Interactions (7.1)] 5.2 Abuse, Misuse, and Addiction

The use of henzodiazenines including clohazam exposes users to the risks of abuse misuse and addiction, which can lead to overdose or death. Abuse and misuse of benzodiazepines often (but not always) involve the use of doses greater than the maximum recommended dosage and commonly involve concomitant use of other medications, alcohol, and/or illicit substances, which is associated with an increased frequency of serious adverse outcomes, including respiratory depression, overdose or death [see Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.2)].

Before prescribing clobazam and throughout treatment, assess each patient's risk for abuse, misuse, and addiction (e.g., using a standardized screening tool). Use of clobazam, particularly in patients at elevated risk, necessitates counseling about the risks and proper use of clobazam along with monitoring for signs and symptoms of abuse, misuse, and addiction. Prescribe the lowest effective losage; avoid or minimize concomitant use of CNS depressants and other substances associated wit abuse, misuse, and addiction (e.g., opioid analgesics, stimulants); and advise patients on the proper refer them for) early treatment, as appropriate.

5.3 Dependence and Withdrawal Reactions To reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue clobazam or reduce the dosage [see Dosage and Administration (2.2)].

Patients at an increased risk of withdrawal adverse reactions after benzodiazepine discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction include those who take higher dosages, and those who have had longer

Acute Withdrawal Reactions

he continued use of benzodiazepines, including clobazam, may lead to clinically significant physical dependence. Abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction of clobazam after continued use, or ninistration of flumazenil (a benzodiazepine antagonist) may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions which can be life-threatening (e.g., seizures) [see Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.3)]. Protracted Withdrawal Syndrome

In some cases, benzodiazepine users have developed a protracted withdrawal syndrome with rawal symptoms lasting weeks to more than 12 months [see Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.3)]. 5.4 Potentiation of Sedation from Concomitant Use with Central Nervous System

Since clobazam has a central nervous system (CNS) depressant effect, patients or their caregivers should be cautioned against simultaneous use with other CNS depressant drugs or alcohol, and cautioned that the effects of other CNS depressant drugs or alcohol may be potentiated [see Drug

Interactions (7.2)].

bazam causes somnolence and sedation. In clinical trials, somnolence or sedation was reported at all effective doses and was dose-related.

In general, somnolence and sedation begin within the first month of treatment and may diminish with nued treatment. Prescribers should monitor patients for somnolence and sedation, particularl with concomitant use of other central nervous system depressants. Prescribers should caution patients against engaging in hazardous activities requiring mental alertness, such as operating dangerous achinery or motor vehicles, until the effect of clobazam is known.

Serious Dermatological Reactions

us skin reactions, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), ave been reported with clobazam in both children and adults during the postmarketing period. Patien should be closely monitored for signs or symptoms of SJS/TEN, especially during the first 8 weeks of 6.2 Postmarketing Experience reatment initiation or when re-introducing therapy. Clobazam should be discontinued at the first sign of rash, unless the rash is clearly not drug-related. If signs or symptoms suggest SJS/TEN, use of this to estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure. Adverse reactions are

5.7 Suicidal Behavior and Ideation Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs), including clobazam, increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior in patients taking these drugs for any indication. Patients treated with any AED for any indication should be monitored for the emergence or worsening of depression, suicidal thoughts or behavior, and/or any

Pooled analyses of 199 placebo-controlled clinical trials (mono- and adjunctive therapy) of 11 different AEDs showed that patients randomized to one of the AEDs had approximately twice the risk (adjusted relative risk 1.8. 95% confidence interval [CII: 1.2, 2.7) of suicidal thinking or behavior compared to patients randomized to placebo. In these trials, which had a median treatment duration of 12 weeks, the estimated incidence rate of suicidal behavior or ideation among 27 863 AFD-treated natients was 0.43%, compared to 0.24% among 16,029 placebo-treated patients, representing an increase of approximately one case of suicidal thinking or behavior for every 530 patients treated. There were four suicides in drug-treated patients in the trials and none in placebo-treated patients, but the number is 7.1 Opioids

too small to allow any conclusion about drug effect on suicide. eyond 24 weeks could not be assessed.

The finding of increased risk with AEDs of varying mechanisms of action and across a range of 7.2 CNS Depressants and Alcohol indications suggests that the risk applies to all AFDs used for any indication. The risk did not vary substantially by age (5 to 100 years) in the clinical trials analyzed. Table 2 shows absolute and relative risk by indication for all evaluated AEDs. maximum plasma exposure by approximately 50%. Therefore, caution patients or their caregivers

Table 2. Risk by Indication for Antiepileptic Drugs in the Pooled Analysis

ation	Placebo Patients with Events per 1000 Patients	Drug Patients with Events per 1000 Patients	Relative Risk: Incidence of Drug Events in Drug Patients/Incidence in Placebo Patients	Risk Difference: Additional Drug Patients with Events per 1000 Patients		MEDICATION GUIDE Clobazam (KLOE ba zam) Oral Suspension,
osy	1.0	3.4	3.5	2.4		, , , ,
niatric	5.7	8.5	1.5	2.9		What is the most important information I should know about clobazam oral suspension?
	1.0	1.8	1.9	0.9]	Clobazam oral suspension is a benzodiazepine medicine. Taking benzodiazepines with opioid
	2.4	4.3	1.8	1.9		medicines, clocked or other central persons evetem (CNC) depresents (including street drugs)

The relative risk for suicidal thoughts or behavior was higher in clinical trials for epilepsy than in clinical trials for psychiatric or other conditions, but the absolute risk differences were similar for the epilepsy

or behavior with the risk of untreated illness. Epilepsy and many other illnesses for which AEDs are cribed are themselves associated with morbidity and mortality and an increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior. Should suicidal thoughts and behavior emerge during treatment, the prescriber needs to consider whether the emergence of these symptoms in any given patient may be related to Patients, their caregivers, and families should be informed that AEDs increase the risk of suicidal

oughts and behavior and should be advised of the need to be alert for the emergence or wo of the signs and symptoms of depression, any unusual changes in mood or behavior, or the emergence of suicidal thoughts, behavior, or thoughts about self-harm. Behaviors of concern should be reported 5.8 Neonatal Sedation and Withdrawal Syndrome

azam oral suspension late in pregnancy can result in sedation (respiratory depression thargy, hypotonia) and/or withdrawal symptoms (hyperreflexia, irritability, restlessness, tremors solable crying, and feeding difficulties) in the peopate (see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)) nitor neonates exposed to clobazam during pregnancy or labor for signs of sedation and monitor onates exposed to clobazam during pregnancy for signs of withdrawal; manage these neonates

ADVERSE REACTIONS

in Any Treatment Group

- lly significant adverse reactions that appear in other sections of the labeling include the following
- Risks from Concomitant Use with Opioids [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)] Dependence and Withdrawal Reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)
- Potentiation of Sedation from Concomitant Use with Central Nervous System Depressants (see
- Somnolence or Sedation [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)] ogical Reactions [see Contraindications (4), Warnings and Precautions (5.6)] Suicidal Behavior and Ideation [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]
- Neonatal Sedation and Withdrawal Syndrome Isee Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug

and may not reflect the rates observed in practice. During its development for the adjunctive treatment of seizures associated with LGS, clobazam was stered to 333 healthy volunteers and 300 patients with a current or prior diagnosis of LGS including 197 patients treated for 12 months or more. The conditions and duration of exposure varied greatly and included single- and multiple-dose clinical pharmacology studies in healthy volunteers and two double-blind studies in patients with LGS (Study 1 and 2) [see Clinical Studies (14)]. Only Study 1 included a placebo group, allowing comparison of adverse reaction rates on clobazam at several

Adverse Reactions Leading to Discontinuation in an LGS Placebo Controlled Clinical Trial (Study 1) decreasing order of frequency included lethargy, somnolence, ataxia, aggression, fatigue, and insomnia Most Common Adverse Reactions in an LGS Placebo Controlled Clinical Trial (Study 1)
Table 3 lists the adverse reactions that occurred in ≥5% of clobazam-treated patients (at any dose), and

at a rate greater than placebo-treated patients, in the randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, arallel group clinical study of adjunctive AED therapy for 15 weeks (Study 1) Table 3. Adverse Reactions Reported for >5% of Patients and More Frequently than Placebo

Clobazam Dose Level

	Placebo N=59 %	Low N=58 %	Medium ^b N=62 %	High ^c N=59 %	Clobazam N=179 %
Gastrointestinal Disorders					1
Vomiting	5	9	5	7	7
Constipation	0	2	2	10	5
Dysphagia	0	0	0	5	2
General Disorders and Adminis	tration Site C	onditions			
Pyrexia	3	17	10	12	13
Irritability	5	3	11	5	7
Fatigue	2	5	5	3	5
Infections and Infestations					
Upper respiratory tract infection	10	10	13	14	12
Pneumonia	2	3	3	7	4
Urinary tract infection	0	2	5	5	4
Bronchitis	0	2	0	5	2
Metabolism and Nutrition Disor	ders				
Decreased appetite	3	3	0	7	3
Increased appetite	0	2	3	5	3
Nervous System Disorders					
Somnolence or Sedation	15	17	27	32	26
Somnolence	12	16	24	25	22
Sedation	3	2	3	9	5
Lethargy	5	10	5	15	10
Drooling	3	0	13	14	9
Ataxia	3	3	2	10	5
Psychomotor hyperactivity	3	3	3	5	4
Dysarthria	0	2	2	5	3
Psychiatric Disorders					
Aggression	5	3	8	14	8
Insomnia	2	2	5	7	5
Respiratory Disorders		_			
Cough	0	3	5	7	5
		_			

^aMaximum daily dose of 5 mg for ≤30 kg body weight; 10 mg for >30 kg body weight bMaximum daily dose of 10 mg for ≤30 kg body weight; 20 mg for >30 kg body weigh °Maximum daily dose of 20 mg for ≤30 kg body weight; 40 mg for >30 kg body weigh

These reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size; therefore, it is not possible

Blood Disorders: Anemia, eosinophilia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia

Eye Disorders: Diplopia, vision blurred Gastrointestinal Disorders: Abdominal disten General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions: Hypothermia

Renal and Urinary Disorders: Urinary retention

Musculoskeletal: Muscle spasms Psychiatric Disorders: Agitation, anxiety, apathy, confusional state, depression, delirium, delusion,

Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders: Rash, urticaria, angioedema, and facial and lip edema

concomitant use of benzodiazepines and opioids increases the risk of respiratory depression The increased risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior with AEDs was observed as early as one week after because of actions at different receptor sites in the CNS that control respiration. Benzodiazepines starting drug treatment with AEDs and persisted for the duration of treatment assessed. Because most trials included in the analysis did not extend beyond 24 weeks, the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior respiratory depression exists. Limit dosage and duration of concomitant use of benzodiazepines and opioids, and follow patients closely for respiratory depression and sedation [see Warnings and The risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior was generally consistent among drugs in the data analyzed.

> Concomitant use of clobazam with other CNS depressants may increase the risk of sedation and somnolence Isee Warnings and Precautions (5.4)1. Alcohol, as a CNS depressant, will interact with clobazam in a similar way and also increases clobazam's

1 Dispense with Medication Guide available at: https://www.taro.com/usa-medication-quides

MEDICATION GUIDE

Get emergency help right away if any of the following happens:

Do not share your clobazam oral suspension with other people.

• Keep clobazam oral suspension in a safe place and away from children.

emergency room right away if you get any of these symptoms.

the differences between physical dependence and drug addiction.

actions in a very small number of people, about 1 in 500.

breathing stops (which may lead to the heart stopping)

shallow or slowed breathing

excessive sleepiness (sedation)

side effects including coma and death.

these serious side effects.

dependence and withdrawal reactions.

healthcare provider.

than prescribed

suspension affects you.

talking to your healthcare provider.

treated right away.

other allergic reaction.

are new, worse, or worry you:

new or worse depression

feeling agitated or restless

trouble sleeping (insomnia)

What is clobazam oral suspension?

(status epilepticus)

thoughts about suicide or dying

o other unusual changes in behavior or mood

medicines, alcohol, or other central nervous system (CNS) depressants (including street drugs)

Do not drive or operate heavy machinery until you know how taking clobazam oral suspension with opioids

Risk of abuse, misuse, and addiction. There is a risk of abuse, misuse, and addiction with

benzodiazepines, including clobazam oral suspension, which can lead to overdose and serious

Serious side effects including coma and death have happened in people who have abused or

misused benzodiazepines, including clobazam oral suspension. These serious side effects may

also include delirium, paranoia, suicidal thoughts or actions, seizures, and difficulty breathing. Call your

 $_{\odot}$ You can develop an addiction even if you take clobazam oral suspension as prescribed by your

o Do not suddenly stop taking clobazam oral suspension. Stopping clobazam oral suspension

suddenly can cause serious and life-threatening side effects, including, unusual movements, responses,

or expressions, seizures, sudden and severe mental or nervous system changes, depression, seeing or

Some people who suddenly stop benzodiazepines have symptoms that can last for several

weeks to more than 12 months, including, anxiety, trouble remembering, learning, or concentrating,

depression, problems sleeping, feeling like insects are crawling under your skin, weakness, shaking,

muscle twitching, burning or prickling feeling in your hands, arms, legs or feet, and ringing in your ears.

Physical dependence is not the same as drug addiction. Your healthcare provider can tell you more about

o Do not take more clobazam oral suspension than prescribed or take clobazam oral suspension for longer

• Clobazam oral suspension can make you sleepy or dizzy and can slow your thinking and motor

Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how clobazam oral

o Do not drink alcohol or take other drugs that may make you sleepy or dizzy while taking clobazam oral

Serious skin reactions have been seen when clobazam oral suspension is taken with other

medicines and may require stopping its use. Do not stop taking clobazam oral suspension without first

A serious skin reaction can happen at any time during your treatment with clobazam oral suspension,

o Call your healthcare provider immediately if you have skin blisters, rash, sores in the mouth, hives or any

· Like other antiepileptic medicines, clobazam oral suspension may cause suicidal thoughts or

Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms, especially if they

acting aggressive, being angry or violent
 acting on dangerous impulses

Pay attention to any changes, especially sudden changes, in mood, behaviors, thoughts, or feelings.

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

Clobazam oral suspension is a prescription medicine used along with other medicines to treat seizures

Stopping a seizure medicine suddenly in a patient who has epilepsy can cause seizures that will not stop

Suicidal thoughts or actions can be caused by things other than medicines. If you have suicidal thoughts or

Clobazam oral suspension is a federally controlled substance (C-IV) because it contains clobazam

that can be abused or lead to dependence. Keep clobazam oral suspension in a safe place to prevent

misuse and abuse. Selling or giving away clobazam oral suspension may harm others, and is against the law.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have ever abused or been dependent on alcohol, prescription medicines,

t is not known if clobazam oral suspension is safe and effective in children less than 2 years old.

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

• Keep all follow-up visits with your healthcare provider as scheduled.

associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome in people 2 years of age or older.

actions, your healthcare provider may check for other causes.

attempts to commit suicide

new or worse panic attacks

new or worse anxiety or irritability

o an extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)

but is more likely to happen within the first 8 weeks of treatment. These skin reactions may need to be

suspension without first talking to your healthcare provider. When taken with alcohol or drugs that cause

sleepiness or dizziness, clobazam oral suspension may make your sleepiness or dizziness much worse.

Take clobazam oral suspension exactly as your healthcare provider prescribed.

can cause severe drowsiness, breathing problems (respiratory depression), coma, and death.



Read this Instructions for Use before using clobazam oral suspension and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This leaflet does not take the place of talking with your

healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment.

Instructions for Use

Clobazam (KLOE ba zam) Oral Suspension,

Prepare Clobazam Oral Suspension Dose

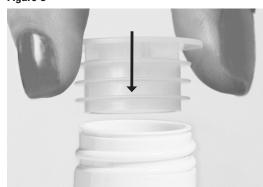
- Oral dosing syringe (2 oral dosing syringes are included in: the clobazam oral suspension box).
- Use only 1 oral syringe to take your dose of clobazam oral suspension. If you lose or damage the oral syringe, or cannot read the markings, use the other oral syringe.



Step 2. Shake the bottle well before each use. See Figure B Figure B



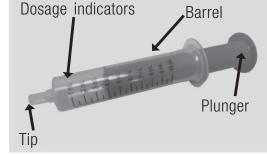
Sten 3. Uncan the bottle and firmly insert the bottle adapter into the bottle until the adapter top is even with the bottle top



Once the bottle adapter is in place, it should not be removed

Step 4. Check your dose in milliliters (mL) as prescribed by: your healthcare provider. Find this number on the oral syringe. Do not take more than the prescribed total dose in 1 day. See Figure D

Figure D



Step 5. Push the plunger all the way down and then insert the oral syringe into the upright bottle through the opening in the bottle adapter. See Figure E

You will need the following supplies: See Figure A Clobazam oral suspension bottle Bottle adapter

Figure A

healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away if you get any of Physical dependence and withdrawal reactions. Clobazam oral suspension can cause physical **Step 1.** Remove the clobazam oral suspension bottle, bottle hearing things that others do not see or hear, an extreme increase in activity or talking, losing touch with adapter, and 1 oral syringe from the box. reality, and suicidal thoughts or actions. Call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital





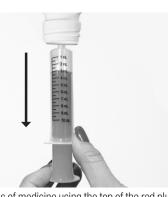
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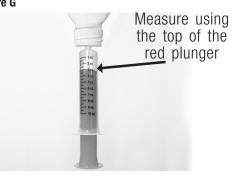


Step 6. With the oral syringe in place, turn the bottle upside down. Pull the plunger to the number of mLs needed (the amount of liquid medicine in Step 4). **See Figure F**



Measure the mLs of medicine using the top of the red plunger. See Figure G

Figure G

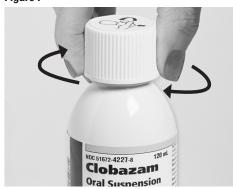


Step 7. Remove the oral syringe from the bottle adapter. Slowly squirt clobazam oral suspension directly into the corner of your mouth or your child's mouth until all of the liquid medicine in the oral syringe is given. **See Figure H**



Step 8. Cap the bottle tightly with the adapter in place. If the cap does not fit securely, check to see if the adapter is fully inserted. See Figure I

- Store and dispense clobazam oral suspension in its original bottle in an upright position at 68°F to 77°F (20°C
- Use clobazam oral suspension within 90 days of first opening bottle.
- After 90 days safely throw away any clobazam oral



Step 9. Wash the oral syringe after each use.

- To clean the oral syringe, take apart by removing the plunger completely. Pull plunger straight out of the barrel. The barrel and plunger can be washed with soap and
- water, rinsed, and allowed to dry.
- Do not wash the oral syringe in the dishwasher.

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Do not take clobazam oral suspension if you:

 are allergic to clobazam or any of the ingredients in clobazam oral suspension. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in clobazam oral suspension.

Before you take clobazam oral suspension, 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
- use birth control medicine. Clobazam oral suspension may cause your birth control medicine to be less effective. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best birth control method to use.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Taking clobazam oral suspension late in pregnancy may cause your baby to have symptoms of sedation (breathing problems, sluggishness, low muscle tone), and/or withdrawal symptoms (jitteriness, irritability, restlessness, shaking, excessive crying, feeding problems).
- Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant or think you are pregnant while taking
- If you become pregnant while taking clobazam oral suspension, talk to your healthcare provider about registering with the North American Antiepileptic Drug Pregnancy Registry. You can register by calling 1-888-233-2334. For more information about the registry go to http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the safety of antiepileptic drugs during
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Clobazam can pass into breast milk.
- Breastfeeding during treatment with clobazam oral suspension may cause your baby to have sleepiness, feeding problems, and decreased weight gain.
- Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you take clobazam oral suspension

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-thecounter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Taking clobazam oral suspension with certain other medicines can cause side effects or affect how well clobazam oral suspension or the other medicines work. Do not start or stop other medicines without talking to your healthcare provider.

How should I take clobazam oral suspension?

- Take clobazam oral suspension exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you how much clobazam oral suspension to take and when to take it. • Clobazam oral suspension can be taken with or without food.
- Shake the bottle of clobazam oral suspension right before you take each dose.
- Measure your dose of clobazam oral suspension using the bottle adapter and dosing syringes that come with your clobazam oral suspension.
- Read the Instructions for Use at the end of this Medication Guide for information on the right way to use
- Your healthcare provider may change your dose if needed. Do not change your dose of clobazam oral suspension without talking to your healthcare provider.
- Do not stop taking clobazam oral suspension without first talking to your healthcare provider.
- Stopping clobazam oral suspension suddenly can cause serious problems.
- If you take too much clobazam oral suspension, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital

What should I avoid while taking clobazam oral suspension?

What are the possible side effects of clobazam oral suspension? Clobazam oral suspension may cause serious side effects, including: See "What is the most

See "What is the most important information I should know about clobazam oral suspension?"

important information I should know about clobazam oral suspension?'

- The most common side effects of clobazam oral suspension include:

 - pain with urination

 - difficulty sleeping

 - problems with breathing
- These are not all the possible side effects of clobazam oral suspension. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088

How should I store clobazam oral suspension?

acting aggressive, being angry or violent

- Store clobazam oral suspension at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C)
- Replace the cap securely after opening.
- Store and dispense the oral suspension in its original bottle in an upright position. Use clobazam oral suspension within 90 days of first opening the bottle.
- After 90 days safely throw away any clobazam oral suspension that has not been used.
- Keep clobazam oral suspension and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of clobazam oral suspension.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use clobazam oral suspension for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give clobazam oral suspension 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 clobazam oral suspension that is written for health

What are the ingredients in clobazam oral suspension?

Active ingredient: clobazam

Inactive ingredients: artificial raspberry flavor, citric acid monohydrate, magnesium aluminum silicate, maltitol solution, methylparaben, polysorbate 80, propylene glycol, propylparaben, purified water, simethicone emulsion, sodium benzoate, sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate, sucralose, xanthan gum.

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of other CNS depressant drugs or alcohol may be potentiated [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]. 7.3 Effect of Clobazam on Other Drugs Hormonal Contraceptives Clobazam is a weak CYP3A4 inducer. As some hormonal contraceptives are metabolized by CYP3A4 their effectiveness may be diminished when given with clobazam. Additional non-hormonal forms of

contraception are recommended when using clobazam Isee Clinical Pharmacology (12,3), Patient Drugs Metabolized by CYP2D6

Clobazam inhibits CYP2D6. Dose adjustment of drugs metabolized by CYP2D6 may be necessary [see

7.4 Effect of Other Drugs on Clobazan

Strong and moderate inhibitors of CYP2C19
Strong and moderate inhibitors of CYP2C19 may result in increased exposure to N-desmethylclobazam the active metabolite of clobazam. This may increase the risk of dose-related adverse reactions. Dosage fluconazole, fluvoxamine, ticlopidine) or moderate CYP2C19 inhibitors (e.g., omegrazole) [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy Pregnancy Registry

There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to AEDs, such as clobazam, during pregnancy. Healthcare providers are encouraged to recommend that pregnant women taking clobazam oral suspension enroll in the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAAED) Pregnancy by calling 1-888-233-2334 or online at http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org/.

Neonates born to mothers using benzodiazepines late in pregnancy have been reported to experience symptoms of sedation and/or neonatal withdrawal [see Warnings and Precautions (5.8) and Clinical Considerations]. Available data from published observational studies of pregnant women exposed to

Administration of clobazam to pregnant rats and rabbits during the period of organogenesis or to rats throughout pregnancy and lactation resulted in developmental toxicity, including increased incidences of fetal malformations and mortality, at plasma exposures for clobazam and its major active metabolite N-desmethylclobazam, below those expected at therapeutic doses in patients [see Animal Data] Data for other benzodiazepines suggest the possibility of long-term effects on neurobehavioral and immunological function in animals following prenatal exposure to benzodiazepines at clinically relevant doses. Clobazam should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit to the mother justifies the potential risk to the fetus. Advise a pregnant woman and women of childbearing age of the potential

The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and of miscarriage in clinically ecognized pregnancies is 2 to 4% and 15 to 20%, respectively.

Fetal/Neonatal Adverse Reactions Benzodiazepines cross the placenta and may produce respiratory depression, hypotonia, and sedation in neonates. Monitor neonates exposed to clobazam during pregnancy or labor for signs of sedation, respiratory depression, hypotonia, and feeding problems. Monitor neonates exposed to clobazam during pregnancy for signs of withdrawal. Manage these neonates accordingly [see Warnings and Precautions

Published data from observational studies on the use of benzodiazepines during pregnancy do not an increased risk of congenital malformations with diazepam and chlordiazepoxide, there was no consistent pattern noted. In addition, the majority of more recent case-control and cohort studies of benzodiazepine use during pregnancy, which were adjusted for confounding exposures to alcohol, tohacco and other medications, have not confirmed these findings.

In a study in which clobazam (0 mg/kg/day, 150 mg/kg/day, 450 mg/kg/day, or 750 mg/kg/day) was orally administered to pregnant rats throughout the period of organogenesis, embryofetal mortality and incidences of fetal skeletal variations were increased at all doses. The low-effect dose for embryofetal developmental toxicity in rats (150 mg/kg/day) was associated with plasma exposures (AUC) for clobazam and its major active metabolite, N-desmethylclobazam, lower than those in humans at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 40 mg/day.

Oral administration of clobazam (0 mg/kg/day, 10 mg/kg/day, 30 mg/kg/day, or 75 mg/kg/day) to pregnant rabbits throughout the period of organogenesis resulted in decreased fetal body weights, and increased incidences of fetal malformations (visceral and skeletal) at the mid and high doses, and an ncrease in embryofetal mortality at the high dose. Incidences of fetal variations were increased at all doses. The highest dose tested was associated with maternal toxicity (ataxia and decreased activity) The low-effect dose for embryofetal developmental toxicity in rabbits (10 mg/kg/day) was associated with plasma exposures for clobazam and N-desmethylclobazam lower than those in humans at the

Oral administration of clobazam (0 mg/kg/day, 50 mg/kg/day, 350 mg/kg/day, or 750 mg/kg/day) to rats throughout pregnancy and lactation resulted in increased embryofetal mortality at the high dose, decreased pup survival at the mid and high doses and alterations in offspring behavior (locomotor activity) at all doses. The low-effect dose for adverse effects on pre- and postnatal development in rats (50 mg/kg/day) was associated with plasma exposures for clobazam and N-desmethylclobazam lower

8.2 Lactation

constipation

slurred speech

fever

Clobazam is excreted in human milk (see Data). There are reports of sedation, poor feeding and poor weight gain in infants exposed to be zodiazepines through breast milk. There are no data on the effects of clobazam on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should b considered along with the mother's clinical need for clobazam and any potential adverse effects on the eastfed infant from clobazam or from the underlying maternal condition.

Clinical Considerations Adverse reactions such as somnolence and difficulty feeding have been reported in infants during

milk should be monitored for sedation, poor feeding and poor weight gain. Scientific literature on clobazam use during lactation is limited. After short-term administration

lobazam and N-desmethylclobazam are transferred into breast milk.

Administration of clobazam to rats prior to and during mating and early gestation resulted in adverse effects on fertility and early embryonic development at plasma exposures for clobazam and its major active metabolite, N-desmethylclobazam, below those in humans at the MRHD [see Nonclinica

Safety and effectiveness in patients less than 2 years of age have not been established In a study in which clobazam (0 mg/kg/day, 4 mg/kg/day, 36 mg/kg/day, or 120 mg/kg/day) was orally administered to rats during the juvenile period of development (postnatal days 14 to 48), adverse effects on growth (decreased bone density and bone length) and behavior (altered motor activity and auditory on behavior, was reversible when drug was discontinued. The no-effect level for juvenile toxicity (36 mg/kg/day) was associated with plasma exposures (AUC) to clobazam and its major active metabolite ylclobazam, less than those expected at therapeutic doses in pediatric patients.

8.5 Geriatric Use

determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. However, elderly subjects appear to eliminate clobazam more slowly than younger subjects based on population pharmacokinetic analysis. For these reasons, the initial dose in elderly patients should be 5 mg/day. Patients should be titrated initially to 10 mg/day to 20 mg/day. Patients may be titrated further to a maximum daily dose of 40 mg

8.6 CYP2C19 Poor Metabolizers entrations of clobazam's active metabolite, N-desmethylclobazam, are higher in CYP2C19 poor metabolizers than in extensive metabolizers. For this reason, dosage modification is recommended [see Dosage and Administration (2.5), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)1.

There were no significant differences in systemic exposure (AUC and C___) between patients with mild or oderate renal impairment and healthy subjects. No dose adjustment is required for patients with mild and moderate renal impairment. There is essentially no experience with clobazam in patients with severe

8.8 Hepatic Impairment

Clobazam is hepatically metabolized; however, there are limited data to characterize the effect of henatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of clobazam. For this reason, dosage adjustment is mended in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh score 5 to 9). There is inadequate information about metabolism of clobazam in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see Dosage and Administration (2.7), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE

Clobazam oral suspension contains clobazam, a Schedule IV controlled substance. 9.2 Abuse

of their medication. Abuse and misuse of benzodiazepines may lead to addiction.

dialyzable [see Dosage and Administration (2.6), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

Clobazam is a benzodiazepine and a CNS depressant with a potential for abuse and addiction. Abuse is the intentional, non-therapeutic use of a drug, even once, for its desirable psychological or physiological than prescribed by a health care provider or for whom it was not prescribed. Drug addiction is a cluster of behavioral, cognitive, and physiological phenomena that may include a strong desire to take the drug, difficulties in controlling drug use (e.g., continuing drug use despite harmful consequences, giving a higher priority to drug use than other activities and obligations), and possible tolerance or physical dependence. Even taking benzodiazepines as prescribed may put patients at risk for abuse and misuse

Clobazam is extensively metabolized in the liver, with approximately 2% of the dose recovered Abuse and misuse of benzodiazepines often (but not always) involve the use of doses greater than the

and/or illicit substances, which is associated with an increased frequency of serious adverse outcomes, cluding respiratory depression, overdose, or death. Benzodiazepines are often sought by individuals who abuse drugs and other substances, and by individuals with addictive disorders [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].

pain, amnesia, anorexia, anxiety, aggression, ataxia, blurred vision, confusion, depression, disinhibition, prientation, dizziness, euphoria, impaired concentration and memory, indigestion, irritability, muscle n, slurred speech, tremors, and vertigo. The following severe adverse reactions have occurred with benzodiazepine abuse and/or misuse: was excreted in the urine.

irium, paranoia, suicidal ideation and behavior, seizures, coma, breathing difficulty, and death. Death is more often associated with polysubstance use (especially benzodiazepines with other CNS ressants such as opioids and alcohol).

The World Health Organization epidemiology database contains reports of drug abuse, misuse, and overdoses associated with clobazam.

Physical Dependence lobazam may produce physical dependence from continued therapy. Physical dependence is a state

that develops as a result of physiological adaptation in response to repeated drug use, mani withdrawal signs and symptoms after abrupt discontinuation or a significant dose reduction of a drug. brupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction of benzodiazepines or administration of flumazenil, a inzodiazepine antagonist, may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, including seizures, which can be life-threatening. Patients at an increased risk of withdrawal adverse reactions after benzodiazepine discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction include those who take higher dosages (i.e., higher and/or more frequent doses) and those who have had longer durations of use [see Warnings and Precautions reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue clobazam or reduce the dosage [see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

Acute Withdrawal Signs and Symptoms Acute withdrawal signs and symptoms associated with benzodiazepines have included abnormal fatigue, gastrointestinal adverse reactions (e.g., nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, decreased appetite), headache, hyperacusis, hypertension, irritability, insomnia, memory impairment, muscle pain and stiffness, panic attacks, photophobia, restlessness, tachycardia, and tremor. More severe acute withdrawal signs and symptoms, including life-threatening reactions, have included catatonia. ulsions, delirium tremens, depression, hallucinations, mania, psychosis, seizures, and suicidality.

Protracted withdrawal syndrome associated with benzodiazepines is characterized by anxiety, cognitive impairment, depression, insomnia, formication, motor symptoms (e.g., weakness, tremor, muscle twitches), paresthesia, and tinnitus that persists beyond 4 to 6 weeks after initial benzodiazepine hdrawal. Protracted withdrawal symptoms may last weeks to more than 12 months. As a result, then may be difficulty in differentiating withdrawal symptoms from potential re-emergence or continuation of mptoms for which the benzodiazepine was being used.

olerance to clobazam may develop from continued therapy. Tolerance is a physiological state haracterized by a reduced response to a drug after repeated administration (i.e., a higher dose of a drug is required to produce the same effect that was once obtained at a lower dose). Tolerance to the therapeutic effect of clobazam may develop; however, little tolerance develops to the amnestic reactions and other cognitive impairments caused by benzodiazepines

10 OVERDOSAGE

Protracted Withdrawal Syndrome

verdosage of benzodiazepines is characterized by central nervous system depression ranging from drowsiness to coma. In mild to moderate cases, symptoms can include drowsiness, confusion, dysarthria, lethargy, hypnotic state, diminished reflexes, ataxia, and hypotonia. Rarely, paradoxical or disinhibitory reactions (including agitation, irritability, impulsivity, violent behavior, confusion, essness, excitement, and talkativeness) may occur. In severe overdosage cases, patients may develop respiratory depression and coma. Overdosage of benzodiazepines in combination with other CNS depressants (including alcohol and opioids) may be fatal [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2]]. Markedly abnormal (lowered or elevated) blood pressure, heart rate, or respiratory rate raise the concern that additional drugs and/or alcohol are involved in the overdosage

nanaging benzodiazepine overdosage, employ general supportive measures, including intravenou fluids and airway maintenance. Flumazenil, a specific benzodiazepine receptor antagonist indicated for the complete or partial reversal of the sedative effects of benzodiazepines in the management of benzodiazepine overdosage, can lead to withdrawal and adverse reactions, including seizures, particularly in the context of mixed overdosage with drugs that increase seizure risk (e.g., tricvclic and tetracyclic antidepressants) and in patients with long-term benzodiazepine use and physical pendency. The risk of withdrawal seizures with flumazenil may be increased in patients with epilepsy. Flumazenii is contraindicated in patients who have received a benzodiazepine for control of a potentially life-threatening condition (e.g., status epilepticus). If the decision is made to use flumazenii, it should be used as an adjunct to, not as a substitute for, supportive management of benzodiazepine overdosage.

Consider contacting the Poison Help line (1-800-222-1222) or a medical toxicologist for additional

DESCRIPTION

ibic 4. Description					
Established Name:	Clobazam				
Dosage Form:	Oral Suspension				
Route of Administration:	Oral				
Established Pharmacologic Class of Drug:	Benzodiazepine				
Chemical Name:	7-Chloro-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,5 benzodiazepine-2,4(<i>3H,5H</i>)-dione				
Structural Formula:	CH ₃				

in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol, and freely soluble in methylene chloride. The melting range of clobazam is from 182°C to 185°C. The molecular formula is C₁₆H₁₃O₂N₂Cl and the molecular weight

Clobazam is available for oral administration as an off-white suspension containing clobazam at a concentration of 2.5 mg/mL. Inactive ingredients include artificial raspberry flavor, citric acid monohydrate, magnesium aluminum silicate, maltitol solution, methylparaben, polysorbate 80, propylene glycol, propylparaben, purified water, simethicone emulsion, sodium benzoate, sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate, sucralose, xanthan gum.

12.1 Mechanism of Action

The exact mechanism of action for clobazam, a 1,5-benzodiazepine, is not fully understood but is thought to involve potentiation of GABAergic neurotransmission resulting from binding at the nzodiazepine site of the GABA, receptor.

ndomized, evaluator-blinded, placebo-, and active-controlled (moxifloxacin 400 mg) parallel thorough 14 CLINICAL STUDIES QT study in 280 healthy subjects. In a study with demonstrated ability to detect small effects, the upper QTc based on the Fridericia correction method was below 10 ms, the threshold for regulatory concern. Thus, at a dose two times the maximum recommended dose, clobazam did not prolong the QTc interval to any clinically relevant extent

the dose range of 10 mg to 80 mg following single- or multiple-dose administration of clobazam. Based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis, the pharmacokinetics of clobazam are linear from 5 mg/day to 160 mg/day. Clobazam is converted to N-desmethylclobazam which has about 1/5 the activity of clobazam. The estimated mean elimination half-lives (t,) of clobazam and N-desmethylclobazam were

Clobazam is rapidly and extensively absorbed following oral administration. The time to concentrations (T_{max}) of clobazam tablets under fasted conditions ranged from 0.5 to 4 hours single- or multiple-dose administrations. The relative bioavailability of clobazam tablets comp to an oral solution is approximately 100%. After single dose administration of the oral suspe under fasted conditions, the T___ ranged from 0.5 to 2 hours. Based on exposure (C___ and Al

Clobazam is lipophilic and distributes rapidly throughout the body. The apparent volume of distribution at steady state was approximately 100 L. The *in vitro* plasma protein binding of clobazam and N-desmethylclobazam is approximately 80 to 90% and 70%, respectively.

N-demethylation, primarily by CYP3A4 and to a lesser extent by CYP2C19 and CYP2B6. N-desmethylclobazam, an active metabolite, is the major circulating metabolite in humans and at therapeutic doses, plasma concentrations are 3 to 5 times higher than those of the parent compound. Based on animal and in vitro receptor binding data, estimates of the relative potency of N-desmethylclobazam compared to parent compound range from 1/5 to equal potency. N-desmethylclobazam is extensively metabolized, mainly by CYP2C19. N-desmethylclobazam and its metabolites comprise ~94% of the total drug-related components in urine. Following a single oral dose of radiolabeled drug, approximately 11% of the dose was excreted in the feces and approximately 82%

N-desmethylclobazam *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.5)].* In CYP2C19 poor metabolizers, levels of N-desmethylclobazam were 5-fold higher in plasma and 2- to 3-fold higher in the urine than in

compared to other age groups (ages 2 to 64). Dosing should be adjusted in the elderly [see Dosage and Administration (2.4)].

women and men.

Population pharmacokinetic analyses including Caucasian (75%), African American (15%), and Asian (9%) subjects showed that there is no evidence of clinically significant effect of race on the clearance

renal dysfunction, with matching healthy controls (N=6), following administration of multiple doses of clobazam 20 mg/day. There were insignificant changes in C_{max} (3 to 24%) and AUC (\leq 13%) for clobazam or N-desmethylclobazam in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment compared to patients with normal renal function. Patients with severe renal impairment or ESRD were not included Hepatic Impairme

of clobazam. In a small study, the pharmacokinetics of a 20 mg single oral dose of clobazam in 9 patients with liver impairment were compared to healthy controls (N=6). The C_{\max} and the mean plasma clearance of clobazam, as well as the C_{\max} of N-desmethylclobazam, showed no significant change compared to the healthy controls. The AUC values of N-desmethylclobazam in these patients were not Drug Interaction Studies

In v<mark>itro studies:</mark> Clobazam did not inhibit CYP1A2, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A4, UGT1A1, UGT1A4, UGT1A6, or UGT2B4 in vitro. N-desmethylclobazam showed weak inhibition of CYP2C9, UGT1A4,

Clobazam and N-desmethylclobazam did not significantly increase CYP1A2 or CYP2C19 activities. hut did induce CYP3A4 activity in a concentration-dependent manner. Clobazam and N-desmethylclobazam also increased UGT1A1 mRNA but at concentrations much higher than therapeutic levels. The potential for clobazam or N-desmethylclobazam to induce CYP2B6 and CYP2C8 has not been evaluated

The effect of repeated 40 mg once-daily doses of clobazam on the pharmacokinetic profiles of single-dose dextromethorphan (CYP2D6 substrate), midazolam (CYP3A4 substrate), caffeine (CYP1A2 bstrate), and tolbutamide (CYP2C9 substrate), was studied when these probe substrates were given

with clobazam. Clobazam decreased the AUC and $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{max}}$ of midazolam by 27% and 24%, respectively, and increased the AUC and C___ of the metabolite 1-hydroxymidazolam by 4-fold and 2-fold, respectively. This level of induction does not call for dosage adjustment of drugs that are primarily metabolized by CYP3A4 when used concomitantly with clobazam. Some hormonal contraceptives are metabolized by CYP3A4 and their effectiveness may be diminished when given with clobazam [see Drug Interactions (7.3)].

A population pharmacokinetic analysis indicated clobazam did not affect the exposure of valproic acid (a CYP2C9/2C19 substrate) or lamotrigine (a UGT substrate).

Potential for Other Drugs to Affect Clobazam

in AUC and C___ of N-desmethylclobazam (N=18). of CYP2C19 may result in up to a 5-fold increase in exposure to N-desmethylclobazam, the active metabolite of clohazam based on extrapolation from pharmaconenomic data (see Clinical 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

strong or moderate CYP2C19 inhibitors [see Drug Interactions (7.4)]. significantly alter the pharmacokinetics of clobazam or N-desmethylclobazam at steady-state.

12.5 Pharmacogenomics
The polymorphic CYP2C19 is the main enzyme that metabolizes the pharmacologically active

N-desmethylclobazam. Compared to CYP2C19 extensive metabolizers, N-desmethylclobazam AUC and $C_{\rm max}$ are approximately 3 to 5 times higher in poor metabolizers (e.g., subjects with *2/*2 genotype) and 2 times higher in intermediate metabolizers (e.g., subjects with *1/*2 genotype). The prevalence of CYP2C19 poor metabolism differs depending on racial/ethnic background. Dosage in patients who are

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

The low dose, not associated with an increase in tumors, was associated with plasma e or clobazam and its major active metabolite, N-desmethylclobazam, less than that in humans at the

Clobazam and the major active metabolite, N-desmethylclobazam, were negative for genotoxicity, based on data from a battery of in vitro (bacteria reverse mutation, mammalian clastogenicity) and in vivo

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

The effect of clobazam 20 mg and 80 mg administered twice daily on QTc interval was evaluated in a

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

he peak plasma levels (C__) and the area under the curve (AUC) of clobazam are dose-proportional ove

clobazam, clobazam tablets and suspension were shown to have similar bioavailability under fasted conditions. The administration of clobazam tablets with food or when crushed in applesauce does not affect absorption. Although not studied, the oral bioavailability of the oral suspension is unlikely to be Distribution

he polymorphic CYP2C19 is the major contributor to the metabolism of the pharmacologically active

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maintenance period.

Hypersensitivity

Serious Dermatological Reactions

Pharmacokinetics in Specific Populations Population pharmacokinetic analyses showed that the clearance of clobazam is lower in elderly subjects

Renal Impairment The effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of clobazam was evaluated in patients with ild (creatinine clearance [CL_{CR}] >50 to 80 mL/min; N=6) and moderate (CL_{CR} =30 to 50 mL/min; N=6)

In vivo studies:

Potential for Clobazam to Affect Other Drugs

as a drug cocktail (N=18). Clobazam increased AUC and C__ of dextromethorphan by 90% and 59%, respectively, reflecting its inhibition of CYP2D6 *in vivo*. Drugs metabolized by CYP2D6 may require dose adjustment when used

peated clobazam doses had no effect on caffeine and tolbutamide

Co-administration of ketoconazole (a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor) 400 mg once-daily for 5 days increased fluconazole, fluvoxamine, ticlopidine) and moderate (e.g., omeprazole) inhibitors

harmacology (12.5)]. Dosage adjustment of clobazam may be necessary when co-administered with The effects of concomitant antiepileptic drugs that are CYP3A4 inducers (phenobarbital, phenytoin, and carbamazepine), CYP2C19 inducers (valproic acid, phenobarbital, phenytoin, and carbamazepine), and CYP2C19 inhibitors (felbamate and oxcarbazepine) were evaluated using data from clinical trials.

Alcohol has been reported to increase the maximum plasma exposure of clobazam by approximately 50%. Alcohol may have additive CNS depressant effects when taken with clobazam [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4), Drug Interactions (7.2)].

known CYP2C19 poor metabolizers may need to be adjusted [see Dosage and Administration (2.5)]. The systemic exposure of clobazam is similar for both CYP2C19 poor and extensive metabolizers

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

In mice, oral administration of clobazam (0 mg/kg/day, 6 mg/kg/day, 12 mg/kg/day, or 24 mg/kg/day) for 2 years did not result in an increase in tumors. The highest dose tested was approximately 3 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 40 mg/day, based on body surface area (mg/m²). (follicular cell adenoma and carcinoma) and liver (hepatocellular adenoma) at the mid and high doses.

Impairment of Fertility

to 12, 84 and 181 times the oral Maximum Recommended Human Dose, MRHD, of 40 mg/day based on mg/m² body surface) was orally administered to male and female rats prior to and during mating and continuing in females to gestation day 6, increases in abnormal sperm and pre-implantation loss were observed at the highest dose tested. The no-effect level for fertility and early embryonic development N-desmethylclobazam, less than those in humans at the maximum recommended human dose of

(mouse micronucleus) assays.

ctiveness of clobazam for the adjunctive treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome was established in two multicenter controlled studies (Study 1 and Study 2). Both studies were similar in terms of disease characteristics and concomitant AFD treatments. The most common concomitant AED treatments at baseline included: valproate, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, and topiramate.

tudy 1 (N=238) was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study consisting of a 4-week baseline period followed by a 3-week titration period and 12-week maintenance period, Patients age 2 to 54 years with a current or prior diagnosis of LGS were stratified into 2 weight groups (12.5 kg to ≤30 kg or >30 kg) and then randomized to placebo or one of three target maintenance doses of clobazam according to Table 5.

Table 5. Study 1 Total Daily Dose

naintenance period.

eak		≤30 kg Body Weight	>30 kg Body Weight
after pared nsion IC) of	Low Dose	5 mg daily	10 mg daily
	Medium Dose	10 mg daily	20 mg daily
	High Dose	20 mg daily	40 mg daily

Ooses above 5 mg/day were administered in two divided doses

The primary efficacy measure was the percent reduction in the weekly frequency of drop seizures (atonic, tonic, or myoclonic), also known as drop attacks, from the 4-week baseline period to 12-week

placebo, low-, medium-, and high-dose groups, respectively. Figure 1 presents the mean percent

reduction in weekly drop seizures from this baseline. All dose groups of clobazam were statistically

superior (p \leq 0.05) to the placebo group. This effect appeared to be dose dependent

losure. The oral suspension is packaged with a dispenser set which contains two calibrated oral dosing yringes and a bottle adapter. Store and dispense clobazam oral suspension in its original bottle in an upright position. Use within 90 days of first opening the bottle, then discard any remainder. NDC 51672-4227-8; 2.5 mg/ml_supplied in a bottle containing 120 ml_of suspension Store oral suspension at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature

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□ Placebo

S Clobazam Low

■ Clobazam High

■ Clobazam Medium

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide and Instructions for

with clobazam and placebo in Study 1. Patients in whom the seizure frequency increased are shown

Reduction in Weekly Drop Seizure Frequency from Baseline (%)

There was no evidence that tolerance to the therapeutic effect of clobazam developed during the

period. Patients age 2 to 25 years with a current or prior diagnosis of LGS were stratified by weight, then randomized to either a low or high dose of clobazam, and then entered a 3-week titration period.

The primary efficacy measure was the percent reduction in the weekly frequency of drop seizures

A statistically significantly greater reduction in seizure frequency was observed in the high-dose group

Clobazam oral suspension is a berry flavored off-white liquid supplied in a bottle with child-resistant

compared to the low-dose group (median percent reduction of 93% vs 29%; p<0.05).

HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

ting of a 4-week baseline period followed by a 3-week titration period and 4-week maintenance

at left as "worse." Patients in whom the seizure frequency decreased are shown in five categories.

Figure 2. Drop Seizure Response by Category for Clobazam and Placebo (Study 1)

Inform patients and caregivers that potentially fatal additive effects may occur if clobazam is used with onioids and not to use such drugs concomitantly unless supervised by a healthcare provider [see Abuse, Misuse, and Addiction Inform patients that the use of clobazam, even at recommended dosages, exposes users to risks of abuse, misuse, and addiction, which can lead to overdose and death, especially when used in combination with other medications (e.g., opioid analgesics), alcohol, and/or illicit substances. Inform patients about the signs and symptoms of benzodiazepine abuse, misuse, and addiction; to seek

medical help if they develop these signs and/or symptoms; and on the proper disposal of unused drug

ngs and Precautions (5.2) and Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.2)]. Withdrawal Reactions Advise patients or caregivers that abrupt withdrawal of AEDs may increase their risk of seizure. Inform patients that the continued use of clobazam may lead to clinically significant physical dependence and that abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction of clobazam may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, which can be life-threatening, Inform patients that in some cases, patients taking benzodiazepines have developed a protracted withdrawal syndrome with withdrawal symptoms lasting weeks to more than 12 months, Instruct patients that discontinuation or dosage reduction of clobazan may require a slow taper [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.3)].

Somnolence or Sedation Advise patients or caregivers to check with their healthcare provider before clobazam is taken with other CNS depressants such as other benzodiazepines, opioids, tricyclic antidepressants, sedating antihistamines, or alcohol [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4, 5.5)]. If applicable, caution patients about operating hazardous machinery, including automobiles, until they

Inform patients or caregivers that clobazam is contraindicated in patients with a history of itivity to the drug or its ingredients [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]. Interactions with Hormonal Contraceptives Counsel women to also use non-hormonal methods of contraception when clobazam is used with hormonal contraceptives and to continue these alternative methods for 28 days after discontinuing lobazam to ensure contraceptive reliability [see Drug Interactions (7.3), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

are reasonably certain that clobazam does not affect them adversely (e.g., impair judgment, thinking

Advise patients or caregivers that serious skin reactions have been reported in patients taking clobazam. Serious skin reactions, including SJS/TEN, may need to be treated in a hospital and may be life-threatening. If a skin reaction occurs while taking clobazam, patients or caregivers should consult with healthcare providers immediately [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]. Suicidal Thinking and Behavior Counsel patients, their caregivers, and their families that AFDs, including clobazam, may increase the risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior and advise them of the need to be alert for the emergence or worsening of symptoms of depression, any unusual changes in mood or behavior, or the emergence

of suicidal thoughts, behavior or thoughts of self-harm, Patients should report behaviors of concern immediately to healthcare providers [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]. Advise pregnant females that the use of clobazam late in pregnancy can result in sedation (respiratory depression, lethargy, hypotonia) and/or withdrawal symptoms (hyperreflexia, irritability, restlessness, tremors, inconsolable crying, and feeding difficulties) in newborns [see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]

pregnant. Encourage patients to enroll in the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAAED) Pregnancy Registry if they become pregnant while taking clobazam. The registry is collecting information about the safety of antiepileptic drugs during pregnancy [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)]. Counsel patients that clobazam is excreted in breast milk. Instruct patients to notify their healthcare

provider if they are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed. Instruct breastfeeding patients who have been administered clobazam oral suspension to observe their infants for sedation, poor feeding and poor

and Use in Specific Populations (8.1)]. Instruct patients to notify their healthcare provider if they are

weight gain, and to seek medical attention if they notice these signs [see Use in Specific Populations] Mfd. by: Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Haifa Bay, Israel 2624761 Dist. by: **Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc.**, Hawthorne, NY 10532

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