

## A medication information leaflet for paediatric patients

# CLONAZEPAM

Other names: Rivotril Drops®, Paxam®



**Important note:** The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

**The name of your child's medication is:      Clonazepam**

### Clonazepam preparations:

Clonazepam comes in the following preparations:

- 500 microgram tablet
- 2mg tablet and
- Oral Drops 2.5mg/mL (0.1mg/drop)

### Why is your child taking this medicine?

Clonazepam is given to help control and prevent your child's seizures (fits).

### When to give this medicine to your child

- Give exactly as directed by your doctor or pharmacist, never give more than the prescribed dose
- Give clonazepam at the same time(s) every day. Marking a calendar may be a helpful reminder
- If giving your child clonazepam drops do not place the drops directly from the neck of the bottle into your child's mouth in case the dropper comes off. Instead, carefully count each drop on to a spoon, mix with water or juice and give the dose.
- **Ensure you always have a supply of medicine on hand.**

**DO NOT STOP** clonazepam without your doctor's permission.

### What should you do if your child misses a dose

Give the dose as soon as you remember except when it is close to the time for the next dose. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and return to the regular dosing schedule. You should not give two doses at the same time.

### What should you do if your child vomits after a dose

If the vomiting occurs less than 15 minutes after the medicine is given, give the entire dose again. If more than 15 minutes have passed, do not give it again until the next scheduled dose.

## Side effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects the body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Call your doctor or speak to your pharmacist **immediately** if your child has any of these side effects:

- severe muscle weakness
- trouble breathing
- severe drowsiness or confusion

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if your child has these side effects:

- salivation (excess saliva/drooling/dribbling)
- behaviour problems
- poor co-ordination
- sedation

The list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects are of a concern to you.

## Other Medicines

Always check with your doctor or pharmacist before giving your child any other medicines including herbal or complementary products and medicines you can buy without a prescription.

## Storage

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

**Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.**