

## [Clonazepam](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

Section:

[5. Medicines for neurological disorders](#) [5.1. Medicines for central nervous system disorders](#)

ATC codes: [N03AE01](#)

Indication

Generalised myoclonic seizure ICD11 code: [8A68.5](#)

INN

Clonazepam

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Formulations

**Oral > Solid:** 500 µg

EML status history

First added in 1995 ([TRS 867](#))

Removed in 2005 ([TRS 933](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used

Therapeutic alternatives limitations

Clobazam

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

During its meeting in 2003, the Committee recommended that clonazepam be reviewed for possible fast-track deletion at the meeting in 2005. A detailed review was provided by the ISDB. The Committee noted that there was inadequate evidence to support the efficacy of clonazepam in the treatment of myoclonic epilepsy. The ISDB review indicated that valproate is the therapy of first choice. This review also indicated that clonazepam may have a place as a second-line drug for the treatment of refractory myoclonic seizures, but no clinical trial is available to support the retention of this item in the Model List. The Expert Committee recommended that clonazepam be deleted because of the lack of evidence of better efficacy or safety when compared with valproate.