




Clonazepam

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Section: 5. Medicines for diseases of the nervous system > 5.1. Antiseizure medicines

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 Read more about patents . 
Wikipedia	Clonazepam 
DrugBank	Clonazepam 

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.

