

Keolax[®]

Tablet

Description

Keolax contains Clobazam as an active ingredient which is a benzodiazepine derivative with actions and uses similar to those of Diazepam.

Indications

Keolax is indicated for the relief of acute or chronic anxiety, tension and agitation. Physical symptoms associated with an underlying anxiety state, phobias and psychosomatic disorders may all respond to treatment with Clobazam. Keolax may be used together with antidepressants in the treatment of anxiety associated with depression. Keolax has also been shown to have a beneficial effect in the treatment of sleep disturbances associated with anxiety and may be used as adjunctive therapy in epilepsy.

Dosage and Administration

Adult : 20-30 mg daily in divided doses or as a single dose given at night. Doses of up to 60 mg daily have been used in the treatment of adult in patients with severe anxiety.

Elderly : Doses of 20 mg daily may be used in the elderly patients with anxiety.

Children : In children aged 3 years or over, doses should not exceed half the recommended adult dose. There is insufficient experience of the use of Clobazam under three years of age to enable any doses recommendation to be made.

Contraindication

Clobazam should not be used in patients known to be hypersensitive to benzodiazepines.

Precautions

Clobazam is a benzodiazepine derivative and in common with other members of this group, may potentiate the effect of central nervous system depressant drugs such as alcohol, analgesics, hypnotic and neuroleptics.

Addition of Clobazam to anticonvulsant medication may cause a change in plasma levels of these drugs. The ability to drive or operate machinery may be impaired in individuals who are particularly sensitive to the effects of Clobazam or in patients taking high doses of the drug. Clobazam should be used in reduced doses in patients with impaired renal or hepatic function.

Side Effects

Keolax is generally well tolerated. Side effects such as drowsiness or dryness of mouth have been reported. These are more likely to occur at the beginning of treatment or a reduction in dose.

Use in Special Populations

Pregnancy : There is little information on the use of Clobazam in early pregnancy but no untoward effects have been found in animal studies. However, there are reports of a possible malformations in infants due to the administration of other benzodiazepines in early pregnancy.

Lactation : Clobazam has been detected in the breast milk of nursing mothers, but the effect on the neonate is not known.

Commercial Pack

Keolax® Tablet : Box containing 100 tablets in 10 x 10's blister strips. Each tablet contains Clobazam BP 10 mg.