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|  Clonazepam |
| Preparations listed in the Drug tariff**Hover the mouse over the £ sign for DT prices** | [**Part VIIIA (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIa) | **DT price** |
| Clonazepam 500mcg, 2mg tablets | [**£**](#_Clonazepam) |
| Clonazepam 500cg/5ml, 2mg/5ml oral solution S/F  | [**£**](#_Clonazepam) |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| Clonazepam 2.5mg/ml drops | [**£**](#_Clonazepam) |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Clonazepam Rosemont and Clonazepam Thame oral solution can be administered using an oral syringe1,2, however the Rosemont prep may cause the plunger to stop moving smoothly or the markings may fade over time1. See comments regarding excipients.Clonazepam tablets can be dispersed in water to form a coarse suspension (unlicensed use) which can be taken by mouth and should be washed down with water3, or crushed and mixed with a small amount of soft food such as yoghurt, honey or jam before swallowing without chewing4 (unlicensed use). |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Clonazepam Rosemont oral solution can be administered via NG or PEG tube (silicone or polyurethane- details on dimension size are on the SPC)1. Due to the oily nature of the medicine, it is recommended to administer the dose **prior to delivering feed**:Flush the enteral tube with a minimum of 10ml of water. Administer the required dose of clonazepam. Flush 3 times using 5ml as a minimum flush volume. Do not use with enteral tubes made from PVC or polystyrene. Please note that the oral syringe provided with the medicine is not suitable for administration via NG or PEG tubes See comments below regarding excipients of Clonazepam Rosemont. Thame Laboratories have no information on administering Clonazepam Thame oral solution via a feeding tube5.Clonazepam tablets (unlicensed use) 3:Stop the enteral feed and flush. Place tablet in barrel of syringe and disperse with 10ml of water, shaking if necessary. Flush the medicine down the tube. Draw another 10ml of water and flush the rinsing (any remaining medicine) down the tube. Flush with 10ml of water. |
| Comments |
| Clonazepam Rosemont oral solution contains 2.6% ethanol (up to 100mg per 5ml) and Clonazepam Thame oral solution contains 64.68mg ethanol per 5ml, neither are indicated for paediatric use1,2.  |
| References1. Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) Clonazepam Rosemont 0.5mg/5ml (Rosemont Pharmaceuticals) last updated 18/09/2017 [www.medicines.org.uk](http://www.medicines.org.uk) accessed 19/11/2019
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3. White R and Bradnam V. Handbook of Drug Administration via enteral feeding tubes. 3rd edition, 2015. Pharmaceutical Press
4. Clonazepam for preventing seizures. Medicines for Children. Published 09/12/2011 [https://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/clonazepam-preventing-seizures-0 accessed 12/9/19](https://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/clonazepam-preventing-seizures-0%20accessed%2012/9/19)
5. Email on file: Thame Laboratories, Medical Affairs. Received 9/8/2019
6. Drug Tariff August 2019 <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff>
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| **Please note: full instructions should be provided to the person administering the medicine. This is guidance only and should not determine individualised care.** |
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