

Generic Name: Clobazam
Brand Name: Frisium

What Is It Used For?

- Decreasing seizure activity in partial and generalized seizures.

How Long Does The Medicine Take To Work?

- 4-5 days

What Are The Important Safety Concerns?

- When first starting the medicine, your child may be slightly drowsy and dizzy.
- Only adjust the dosage as recommended by your health care provider. They will usually increase this medication slowly to avoid side effects. Never increase the dosage more than **once per week** unless directed otherwise.
- Once you have started with one brand of the medication stay with it. Avoid switching between different brands.
- Check with your pharmacist before taking herbal medications and/or over-the-counter medications. They may have adverse effects if taken with anti-seizure medications.
- Do not stop taking this medication suddenly because this could result in seizures.
- It is important to keep a record of your child's seizures and side effects to determine how well they are responding to the medication.

What Are The Possible Side Effects?

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| • Dizziness* | • Headache | • Blurred Vision |
| • Drowsiness* | • Aggressiveness* | • Loss of Coordination* |
| • Confusion* | • Fatigue | • Increased saliva |
| • Hyperactivity* | • Learning difficulties | |

*more common side effects

How Do I Give The Medication?

- The tablet is given by mouth and may be crushed and mixed with food.
- Give with food or milk to reduce stomach upset and/or to improve the taste if needed. Do not take with antacid medication.
- Give your child the medication as close to the same time as possible each day and only the amount prescribed.
- If your child misses a dose, give the dose as soon as you remember or can. If the next dose of the medicine needs to be given in less than 4 hours, do **not** give the dose you forgot. Give the next dose a little earlier and then return to giving the medicine at the usual times after that.
- If your child vomits within 30 minutes of taking the medication, repeat the dose.
- If your child vomits after 30 minutes of taking the medication, do not repeat the dose.

What Medications May Alter The Effectiveness Of This Drug?

- May be very sedating if used with Primidone or Phenobarbital. This medication interacts very little with other anti-epileptic drugs.

When Do I Call My Health Care Provider?

- Tolerance may develop with a decrease in seizure control after several months on this medication.
- Call your health care provider or go to your nearest emergency room if you are concerned about your child in any way. With Clobazam the following would be of concern.
 - A rash
 - A change in seizure pattern
 - Unusual bleeding
 - Greatly increased aggressiveness or hyperactivity
 - Unusual bruising
 - Tiny purple spots on skin

What Are The Available Forms And Dosages?

10 mg Tablet

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Always bring all your child's medications to every clinic appointment