CLONAZEPAM

Klonopin, Rivotril

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Pharmacological class:
Benzodiazepine

Therapeutic class:
Anticonvulsant

Pregnancy risk category: D

Chemical Effect

May act by facilitating effects of inhibitory

Therapeutic Effect

Prevent or stops seizures and decreases panic.

Adverse Reaction

CNS: drowsiness, ataxia, behavioral disturbances, slurred speech, tremor.

CV: Palpitation, chest pain, facial and ankle edema.

GI: constipation, gastritis, nausea.

Interactions

CNS depressants: May increase CNS depression.

Fluconazole: May increase and prolong drug levels.

Catnip, kava, lemon balm: May enhance sedative effects.

Effects on Lab Test Results

May increase liver enzymes.

May increase eosinophil count.

May decrease WBC and platelet counts.

Contraindication

Use cautiously in patients with mixed types of seizure because drug may precipitate generalized tonic seizures and patient with chronic respiratory disease.

Nursing Diagnoses

Risk for injury related to risk for seizure activity

Activity intolerance related to drug induced sedation

Deficient knowledge related to drug therapy

Patient Teaching

Advise patient to avoid driving or other potentially hazardous activities until CNS effects are known.

Instruct patient who will take orally disintegrating tablets to use dry hands to peel back the foil blister and immediately place tablet in mouth.

Evaluation

Patient is free from seizure activity during drug therapy

Patient meets daily activity needs

Patient and family state understanding of drug therapy

References

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