

# Klonopin (clonazepam)

## Parent Information Sheet

### Why it is prescribed

Klonopin is used to treat and prevent seizures. Klonopin may be used for anxiety or sleep problems. It is occasionally used for movement disorders.

### How to give Klonopin

- Klonopin is prescribed only for use by the patient whose name appears on the prescription. Do not allow anyone else to take this medication.
- Administration of Klonopin requires adult supervision at home and at school. Your child should not be expected to remember to take the medication on his/her own. You will need a physician prescription to have the medicine administered at your child's school.
- Give Klonopin exactly as your doctor has prescribed. Give the medicine at the same time every day.
- Do not give the medication more often or in larger doses than what your doctor has ordered. If you have any questions or concerns about the current medication, call your doctor's office.
- Never take a double dose to make up a missed dose.
- If you miss more than one dose contact your doctor's office.
- If your child experiences a seizure while on this medication, please notify the doctor's office.
- Never discontinue your child's medication without first consulting a doctor.

*Your child's doctor is:*

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*The phone number to the office is (313) 832-1100 ext. 220.*

### **Side Effects**

The most **common**: drowsiness, dizziness, dry mouth, nausea, constipation.

**Serious**: Irregular or rapid heartbeat, high or low blood pressure. Report these side effects to your doctor immediately.

### Special Considerations

- Combining Klonopin with other medications may alter their actions or produce unwanted effects. Always tell your doctor about any other drugs you are taking.
- Do not stop taking Klonopin without your doctor's approval. If you take this medication for more than 4 weeks, you may have to reduce your dosage gradually. Stopping too quickly may cause seizures.

### Procedure for getting a prescription

- If you require a prescription refill before your next scheduled appointment, please call the clinical services office at (313) 832-1100 ext. 220.
- Please have your pharmacy phone number available before calling for prescription refills
- The Detroit Institute for Children is not open on weekends or holidays. The clinical services office is open from 8 a.m. – 5 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am – 12 noon on Friday.
- If you are overdue for a return appointment or have not kept a scheduled appointment, your child's doctor reserves the right not to prescribe the medication.

**Poison Control Center:**  
**1-800-764-7661 (1-800-POISON-1)**