



Clonazepam Supply Shortage

The medicine shortage reports database of the Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA) notifies of limited availability of clonazepam 0.5 and 2 mg tablets.¹ Supply may be restored by early February 2025 (0.5mg) and late January 2025 (2mg).

Management action:

Unregistered but TGA-approved products for clonazepam 0.5 mg and 2mg tablets are available through Link Medical Products Pty Ltd, which can be contacted on 1800 181 060.¹

Clonazepam can also be substituted with clobazam using an approximate dose equivalence of 1 mg clonazepam to 10-20 mg clobazam.^{2,3} The transition can occur gradually or even instantly if needed.² Appropriate observation for seizure activity and potential adverse effects should be advised.

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