

Breastfeeding: Use not recommended: no data available.

Common dosage range

Adult dose

Initially, 62.5 mg twice daily for four weeks. Maintenance dose 125 mg twice daily.

Paediatric dose

Children >3 years:

10–20 kg: 31.25 mg once daily for four weeks. Maintenance dose 31.25 mg twice daily.

20–40 kg: 31.25 mg twice daily for four weeks. Maintenance dose 62.5 mg twice daily.

brinzolamide

ocular carbonic anhydrase inhibitor for glaucoma

Cautionary advisory labels: 7b

Notes

- Shake well before use.
- Wait 5 minutes before administering other drops.
- Drops may cause discomfort on instillation.
- Apply pressure to tear duct after instillation to avoid systemic absorption.

Hepatic impairment (severe): Caution.

Renal impairment (severe): Contraindicated.

Pregnancy: B3. If drug of choice, use with caution.

Breastfeeding: Use with caution. Excretion in breast milk expected, but no safety data on drug in infants.

Common dosage range

Adult dose

1 drop twice daily.

bromazepam

benzodiazepine

Cautionary advisory labels: 1, 3b, 9

Notes

- Monitor patient for physical and psychological dependence and tolerance (check intervals between prescription refills).
- Regular use for more than 2–4 weeks may result in dependence and tolerance.
- Beware of sudden discontinuation of long-term treatment.
- Patient may experience a 'morning-after hangover effect'.
- Caution with respiratory disease or sleep apnoea reduced respiratory drive may cause hypoxaemia.

Changes to urinary system: May induce or aggravate functional incontinence due to sedation or impairment of mobility.

Elderly: Over-sedation, confusion, memory impairment, poor muscle coordination leading to falls and fractures.

Hepatic and renal impairment: Caution. Dosage adjustment may be necessary.

Pregnancy: C. Use should be avoided if possible, especially during first trimester. If bromazepam is required, use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration.

Breastfeeding: Consider alternatives first. Should be avoided due to long half-life.

Common dosage range

Adult dose

6–60 mg daily in 2–3 divided doses.

bromocriptine

dopamine agonist

Cautionary advisory labels: 5, 12, 16, B

Notes

- Involved in many drug interactions via P450 cytochrome system (see Table D.1, Section D).

Elderly: Confusion, psychoses, orthostatic hypotension leading to falls and fractures. Counsel to rise slowly and cautiously.

Hepatic impairment: Caution. Dosage adjustment necessary.

Pregnancy: A.

Breastfeeding: Use not recommended. Suppresses lactation. Use requires strict monitoring for adverse effects (cardiovascular and gastrointestinal) in infant.

Common dosage range

Adult dose

Hyperprolactinaemia, inhibition of lactation: 2.5–7.5 mg daily in 2–3 doses.

Acromegaly: 1.25 mg daily, increased gradually to 10–30 mg daily.

Parkinson's disease: up to 40 mg daily in divided doses.