

Clozapine Therapy Interruption

Take special consideration when restarting clozapine after therapy interruption to reduce risk of adverse effects. The authorized prescriber or delegate must notify the manufacturer’s monitoring service of interruptions greater than 72 hours. It is recommended the blood monitoring frequency return to weekly for six (6) weeks.

Dosing Recommendations:

Time Since Last Dose	Re-Initiation Recommendation
Less than 48 hours	Restart at previous dose. No need to titrate.
Greater than 48 hours and less than or equal to 4 weeks	Restart clozapine and titrate up at authorized prescriber’s discretion. Consider more rapid titration for patients who have previously been established on therapeutic doses.
Greater than 4 weeks	Restart process.

Hematological Monitoring Recommendations:

Treatment Duration	Time Since Last Dose	Hematology Monitoring Frequency
Less than 6 months	Greater than 3 days and less than or equal to 4 weeks	Additional weekly monitoring for 6 weeks.
	Greater than 4 weeks	Restart process.
Greater than 6 months	Greater than 3 days and less than or equal to 4 weeks	Weekly for 6 weeks then return to previous monitoring frequency.
	Greater than 4 weeks	Restart process.