

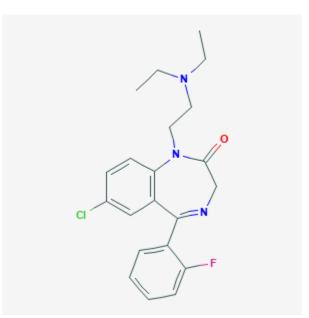
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# Flurazepam

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# **Drug Levels and Effects**

# Summary of Use during Lactation

No information is available on the excretion of flurazepam into breastmilk. One case of infant sedation was reported in a woman taking flurazepam along with other sedating drugs during breastfeeding. Because of the long duration of action of flurazepam, an alternate hypnotic is preferred, especially while nursing a newborn or preterm infant.

## **Drug Levels**

Maternal Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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### **Effects in Breastfed Infants**

In a telephone follow-up study, 124 mothers who took a benzodiazepine while nursing reported whether their infants had any signs of sedation. One mother who was taking flurazepam (dose unclear), clonazepam 0.25 mg twice daily, 1 mg of bupropion daily, and 0.75 mg of risperidone daily reported sedation in her breastfed infant. [1]

### **Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

#### **Alternate Drugs to Consider**

Zaleplon, Zolpidem

#### References

1. Kelly LE, Poon S, Madadi P, Koren G. Neonatal benzodiazepines exposure during breastfeeding. J Pediatr. 2012;161:448-51. PubMed PMID: 22504099.

# **Substance Identification**

#### **Substance Name**

Flurazepam

#### **CAS Registry Number**

17617-23-1

#### **Drug Class**

**Breast Feeding** 

Lactation

Benzodiazepines

Hypnotics and Sedatives