

Clozapine Dosing

Adapted from Clozapine for Schizophrenia: A Treatment Update

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Scenario	Recommendation	Comments
Initiation	12.5 mg once or twice daily	
Titration	Increase by 25-50 mg/day to target of 300-450 mg/day within 2 weeks; max 900 mg/day	Titration decreases risk of hypotension, bradycardia, and syncope
Maintenance	Continue effective dose beyond acute episode	
Discontinuation	Depends on patient's last absolute neutrophil count	Refer to monitoring guidelines
Restart	If >2 days since last dose, restart at 12.5 mg and titrate faster	
Adjustments for Renal or Hepatic Impairment	No specific recommendations	Monitor patient, may require lower dose
Adjustments for Drug Interactions	Recommended for CYP450 interactions	Includes cigarette smoking (moderate 1A2 inducer)

Reference(s):

- Clozaril [package insert]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Revised February 2017