

AZUR PHARMA

ANC Calculation and Reporting for FazaClo® (clozapine, USP) ODT

November 2005

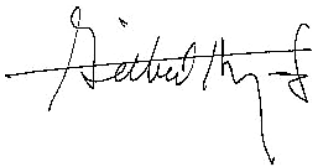
Dear Health Care Professional:

I am writing to give you a brief progress report on the first six months of experience with the new FDA-mandated ANC (Absolute Neutrophil Count) requirements in place for all patients receiving FazaClo® (clozapine, USP) Orally Disintegrating Tablets. As of May 2005, the FDA prescribing information for FazaClo (enclosed) permits reduction of blood monitoring to once monthly after 12 months of acceptable blood test results. And, in order to yield more sensitive, early indices of developing granulocytopenia, the FDA has now made it mandatory to collect ANC data in addition to total WBC counts.

Thanks in part to Azur's strong educational programs using direct mail, teleconference, and personal promotion, the addition of the ANC requirement is progressing well. However, we are finding that some laboratories do not report "Absolute Neutrophil Count" as an exact number. Instead, clinical laboratories may report just the percentages of bands and segs, requiring the doctor or pharmacist to "do the necessary math". If you need some support in calculating ANCs exactly, let me recommend to you the FazaClo website (www.fazaclo.com) with its convenient ANC calculator. I hope you will find this ANC calculator useful as you treat patients with FazaClo under the new monitoring conditions.

If you need a "human touch" to help with ANC and other data entry issues, your Azur Sales Specialist may be able to arrange for a FazaClo Systems Consultant to work with you periodically. To follow-up on this, or if you need any assistance of any kind, please call 1-877-FAZACLO – it's toll-free! Full prescribing information for FazaClo is enclosed.

Sincerely,



Gilbert Honigfeld, PhD
Vice-President for Scientific Affairs

PS I have enclosed a pocket copy of FazaClo's monitoring guidelines for your use.

Encl: FazaClo® Package Insert
FazaClo® Monitoring Guidelines