

- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE** Patients or carers should be given advice on how and when to administer rectal diazepam. Patients given sedatives and analgesics during minor outpatient procedures should be very carefully warned about the risks of undertaking skilled tasks (e.g. driving) afterwards. For intravenous benzodiazepines the risk extends to **at least 24 hours** after administration. Responsible persons should be available to take patients home afterwards. The dangers of taking **alcohol** should be emphasised.

Medicines for Children leaflet: Diazepam (rectal) for stopping seizures [www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/diazepam-rectal-stopping-seizures-0](http://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/diazepam-rectal-stopping-seizures-0)

Medicines for Children leaflet: Diazepam for muscle spasm [www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/diazepam-muscle-spasm-0](http://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/diazepam-muscle-spasm-0)

- **PROFESSION SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**Dental practitioners' formulary**

Diazepam Tablets may be prescribed.

Diazepam Oral Solution 2 mg/5 mL may be prescribed.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: oral suspension, oral solution, suppository

**Tablet**

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- ▶ **Diazepam (Non-proprietary)**

**Diazepam 2 mg** Diazepam 2mg tablets | 28 tablet [PoM](#) £1.10 DT = £0.80 [CD4-1](#)

**Diazepam 5 mg** Diazepam 5mg tablets | 28 tablet [PoM](#) £1.12 DT = £0.82 [CD4-1](#)

**Diazepam 10 mg** Diazepam 10mg tablets | 28 tablet [PoM](#) £4.99 DT = £0.92 [CD4-1](#)

**Emulsion for injection**

▶ **Diazemuls** (Accord Healthcare Ltd)

**Diazepam 5 mg per 1 ml** Diazemuls 10mg/2ml emulsion for injection ampoules | 10 ampoule [PoM](#) £9.05 [CD4-1](#)

**Solution for injection**

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Benzyl alcohol, ethanol, propylene glycol

- ▶ **Diazepam (Non-proprietary)**

**Diazepam 5 mg per 1 ml** Diazepam 10mg/2ml solution for injection ampoules | 10 ampoule [PoM](#) £5.50–£6.50 DT = £5.50 [CD4-1](#)

**Oral suspension**

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- ▶ **Diazepam (Non-proprietary)**

**Diazepam 400 microgram per 1 ml** Diazepam 2mg/5ml oral suspension | 100 ml [PoM](#) £31.75–£48.84 DT = £38.32 [CD4-1](#)

**Oral solution**

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- ▶ **Diazepam (Non-proprietary)**

**Diazepam 400 microgram per 1 ml** Diazepam 2mg/5ml oral solution sugar-free | 100 ml [PoM](#) £58.35 DT = £54.14 [CD4-1](#)

**Enema**

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- ▶ **Diazepam (Non-proprietary)**

**Diazepam 2 mg per 1 ml** Diazepam 5mg RecTubes | 5 tube [PoM](#) £5.85 DT = £6.49 [CD4-1](#)

Diazepam 2.5mg RecTubes | 5 tube [PoM](#) £5.65 DT = £5.65 [CD4-1](#)  
Diazepam 5mg/2.5ml rectal solution tube | 5 tube [PoM](#) £5.85–£6.55 DT = £6.49 [CD4-1](#)

**Diazepam 4 mg per 1 ml** Diazepam 10mg RecTubes | 5 tube [PoM](#) £7.35 DT = £7.40 [CD4-1](#)

Diazepam 10mg/2.5ml rectal solution tube | 5 tube [PoM](#) £7.40 DT = £7.40 [CD4-1](#)

- ▶ **Stesolid** (Accord Healthcare Ltd)

**Diazepam 2 mg per 1 ml** Stesolid 5mg rectal tube | 5 tube [PoM](#) £6.89 DT = £6.49 [CD4-1](#)

**Diazepam 4 mg per 1 ml** Stesolid 10mg rectal tube | 5 tube [PoM](#) £8.78 DT = £7.40 [CD4-1](#)

## 1.1 Status epilepticus

**Other drugs used for Status epilepticus** Diazepam, p. 236 · Fosphenytoin sodium, p. 213 · Phenobarbital, p. 232 · Phenytoin, p. 220

### ANTIEPILEPTICS

#### Paraldehyde

10-Mar-2020

- **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

**Status epilepticus**

▶ BY RECTUM

▶ Neonate: 0.8 mL/kilogram for 1 dose, the dose is based on the use of a premixed solution of paraldehyde in olive oil in equal volumes.

▶ Child: 0.8 mL/kilogram (max. per dose 20 mL) for 1 dose, the dose is based on the use of a premixed solution of paraldehyde in olive oil in equal volumes

- **UNLICENSED USE** Not licensed for use in children as an enema.

- **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** Gastric disorders · rectal administration in colitis

- **CAUTIONS** Bronchopulmonary disease

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: antiepileptics

- **SIDE-EFFECTS** Rash

- **PREGNANCY** Avoid unless essential—crosses placenta. See also *Pregnancy* in Epilepsy p. 203.

- **BREAST FEEDING** Avoid unless essential—present in milk.

- **HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT** Manufacturer advises caution.

- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE**

Medicines for Children leaflet: Paraldehyde for seizures [www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/paraldehyde-seizures](http://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/paraldehyde-seizures)

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: enema

### ANTIEPILEPTICS > BARBITURATES

#### Thiopental sodium

02-Dec-2019

(Thiopentone sodium)

- **INDICATIONS AND DOSE**

**Prolonged status epilepticus**

▶ INITIALLY BY SLOW INTRAVENOUS INJECTION

▶ Neonate: Initially up to 2 mg/kg, then (by continuous intravenous infusion) up to 8 mg/kg/hour, adjusted according to response.

▶ Child: Initially up to 4 mg/kg, then (by continuous intravenous infusion) up to 8 mg/kg/hour, adjusted according to response

**Induction of anaesthesia**

▶ BY SLOW INTRAVENOUS INJECTION

▶ Neonate: Initially up to 2 mg/kg, then 1 mg/kg, repeated if necessary; maximum 4 mg/kg per course.

▶ Child: Initially up to 4 mg/kg, then 1 mg/kg, repeated if necessary; maximum 7 mg/kg per course

- **UNLICENSED USE** Not licensed for use in status epilepticus. Not licensed for use by intravenous infusion.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

Thiopental sodium should only be administered by, or under the direct supervision of, personnel experienced