

Diazepam

Essential medicine status

General description

Diazepam is a benzodiazepine with sedative, anxiolytic, anticonvulsant, muscle relaxant and other properties. It is used in the treatment of a wide range of conditions.

INN

Diazepam

ATC codes

[N05BA01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Status epilepticus](#)

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Anxiety](#)

Added in 1991 ([TRS 825](#)) for [Palliative care](#)

Changed in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#)) for [Status epilepticus](#)

Therapeutic equivalent for

[lorazepam](#) for [Status epilepticus](#).

Wikipedia

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DrugBank

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Recommendations

Section

Medicines for other common symptoms in palliative care

- Oral > Liquid: 2 mg per 5 mL
- Local > Rectal > Gel: 5 mg per mL in 0.5 mL rectal delivery system; 5 mg per mL in 2 mL rectal delivery system; 5 mg per mL in 4 mL rectal delivery system
- Local > Rectal > Solution: 2 mg per mL in 1.25 mL rectal tube; 2 mg per mL in 2.5 mL rectal tube; 4 mg per mL in 2.5 mL rectal tube
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 5 mg per mL
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 5 mg (scored); 10 mg (scored); 2 mg (scored)

Indications

[Palliative care](#)

Section

Antiseizure medicines

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Indications

[Status epilepticus](#)

Section

Medicines for anxiety disorders

- Oral > Solid: 5 mg (scored); 2 mg (scored)

Indications

[Anxiety](#)