### Diazepam

**Section:** 2. Medicines for pain and palliative care → 2.3. Medicines for other common symptoms in palliative care

**Indication**
- Palliative care

**INN**
- Diazepam

**Medicine type**
- Chemical agent

**List type**
- Core (EML)
  - (EMLc)

**Formulations**
- Oral > Liquid: 2 mg per 5 mL
- Oral > Solid: 5 mg; 10 mg
- 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

**EML status history**
- First added in 1991 (TRS 825)
- Changed in 2009 (TRS 958)
- Changed in 2013 (TRS 985)
- Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)

**Sex**
- All

**Age**
- Also recommended for children

**Therapeutic alternatives**
- The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information**
- Patents have expired in most jurisdictions
- Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**
- [Diazepam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diazepam)

**DrugBank**
- [Diazepam](https://www.drugbank.ca/substances/267186)

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended amendments to the listing for rectal formulations of diazepam on the EML and EMLc to better describe the available dosage forms.