

## [Diazepam](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

[2. Medicines for pain and palliative care](#) [2.3. Medicines for other common symptoms in palliative care](#)

ATC codes: [N05BA01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Palliative care ICD11 code: [QC7A](#)

INN

Diazepam

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**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 (EML)

**Oral > Solid > tablet:** 5 mg (scored) ; 10 mg (scored) ; 2 mg (scored) (EMLc)

EML status history

First added in 1991 ([TRS 825](#))

Changed in 2009 ([TRS 958](#))

Changed in 2013 ([TRS 985](#))

Changed in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#))

Changed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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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: - the addition of diazepam 2 mg scored tablets to the EMLc; - the deletion of diazepam injection 5 mg/mL from the EMLc.