Section: 5. Medicines for diseases of the nervous system  
5.1. Antiseizure medicines

### Diazepam

**Indication**
Status epilepticus  
ICD11 code: 8A66

**INN**
Diazepam

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**List type**
Core

**Formulations**
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

**EML status history**
First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
Changed in 1984 (TRS 722)
Changed in 1987 (TRS 770)
Changed in 1989 (TRS 796)
Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
Changed in 2009 (TRS 958)
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
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**Wikipedia**
Diazepam

**DrugBank**
Diazepam

### 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.