




		EMLc	ATC codes: N05BA01
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 tubes ; 5 mg per mL in 2 mL tubes ; 5 mg per mL in 4 mL tubes Local > Rectal > Solution: 5 mg per mL in 0.5 mL tubes ; 5 mg per mL in 2 mL tubes ; 5 mg per mL in 4 mL tubes		
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)		
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 		
DrugBank	Diazepam 		

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

In consideration of an application proposing the addition of lorazepam and midazolam for the treatment of repetitive and prolonged convulsive seizures (including status epilepticus), the Expert Committee recommended the inclusion of parenteral lorazepam with a square box to replace diazepam on the Model List based on its comparative effectiveness and safety with respect to other medicines for the management of prolonged convulsive seizures and status epilepticus in adults and children. The rectal formulation of diazepam was maintained because it is a commercially available preparation and offers an option for treatment of severe seizures in patients when intravenous access is not available.

