Section: 5. Antiepileptics

**Lorazepam**

### Essential medicine status

- **INN**: Lorazepam
- **Medicine type**: Chemical agent
- **List type**: Core
- **Formulations**: Parenteral > General injections > IV: 2 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule; 4 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule
- **EML status history**: First added in 2009 (TRS 958) Changed in 2021
- **Sex**: All
- **Age**: Also recommended for children

### Therapeutic alternatives

- Diazepam (ATC codes: N05BA01)
- Midazolam (ATC codes: N05CD08)

### Patent information

- Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

### Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended parenteral diazepam and parenteral midazolam be specified as therapeutic alternatives under the square box listing for parenteral lorazepam on the EML and EMLc.