

CARER INFORMATION SHEET

BUCCAL MIDAZOLAM SOLUTION – BUCCOLAM®

This leaflet provides information about Buccolam® and how to give it to patients who experience prolonged, acute, epileptic seizures.

What is it?

Buccolam® is a licensed preparation of midazolam for buccal (oromucosal) administration. It is licensed for use in children up to 18 years of age, but has also been approved for use in adults in Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys Trust because there isn't a licensed product available for this age group.

What does it look like?

Buccolam® is supplied in pre-filled, ready-to-use, plastic, oral syringes – each pack contains 4 syringes.

There are 4 colour-coded strengths available, covering the different doses in each age group (see table below).

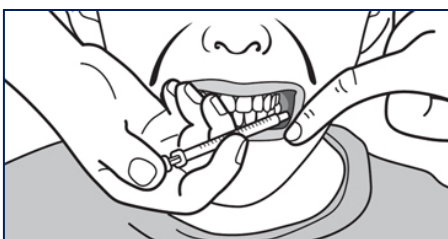


What dose should I give?

The recommended dose depends on the age of the patient, as follows:

Label colour	Syringe contains:	For age range:	Dose:	<i>N.B. the syringe is not graduated as it is intended that the full contents are administered</i>
Yellow	2.5 mg in 0.5 ml	3 - 11 months	2.5 mg (0.5 ml)	
Blue	5 mg in 1.0 ml	1 - 4 years	5 mg (1.0 ml)	
Purple	7.5 mg in 1.5 ml	5 - 9 years	7.5 mg (1.5 ml)	
Orange	10 mg in 2.0 ml	10 years and over	10 mg (2.0 ml)	

How should I give it?



Buccolam® should be administered into the space between the gum and cheek (the buccal cavity) – give the full contents of the syringe by slowly pressing the plunger.

If necessary, for larger dose volumes (more than 1.0 ml) or smaller patients, give about half the dose into one side of the mouth, then the remainder into the other side.

You should only give the contents of one syringe. If the seizure has not stopped within 10 minutes call for emergency medical assistance. Keep the empty syringe and give it to the healthcare professional who attends so that they know what has been given, and how much, to the patient.

Where should I keep it?

If you are caring for someone who has been prescribed Buccolam®, it is important that it is available at all times. It does not need special storage and should not be kept in a fridge or freezer. Avoid storing near sources of heat or in direct sunlight. It has a shelf-life of 18 months – the expiry date will be printed on the side of the box.

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