

Buccal midazolam is a first-line treatment in children, young people and adults with prolonged or repeated seizures in the community.

This leaflet has been created to inform parents of a change to the buccal midazolam that is prescribed for your child.

Most parents will have been issued with a preparation

EPISTATUS



This medication is prescribed in a glass bottle with four syringes.

Parents and carers are trained to draw up the dose as per the child's seizure care plan and administer the medication into the buccal cavity of the child's mouth.



Epistatus was issued to parents as a special but unlicensed medication as part of the National Institutes Clinical Excellence (NICE) clinical recommendations, however recently a new product has become available to replace the unlicensed preparation.

Buccolam has been specifically licensed to treat prolonged, acute, convulsive seizures in infants, toddlers, children and adolescents (from 3months to 18 years)

Buccolam is supplied in single dose pre-filled, ready-to-use, plastic, oral syringes and should be administered in the same manner as the Epistatus.

Each pack of Buccolam contains four colour coded pre-filled syringes.



Label colour	Age range	Midazolam dose	Prefilled volume
Yellow	3 months to <1 year	2.5 mg	0.5 ml
Blue	1 to <5 years	5 mg	1.0 ml
Purple	5 to <10 years	7.5 mg	1.5 ml
Orange	10 to <18 years	10 mg	2.0 ml

Your GP will issue Buccolam rather than Epistatus either when your existing stock of epistatus has been used or expired.

Important product differences.

Your child will have a seizure care plan issued to you from your Epilepsy Nurse that indicates what dose of midazolam is needed for your child.

The care plan will indicate how much milligrams (mg) is required to be given and will give instructions about when to give it.

Epistatus and Buccolam strength is different.

Epistatus = 10mg/1ml

Buccolam = 5mg /1ml

Buccolam is HALF the strength of EPISTATUS therefore the volume is double that of Epistatus.

This will not cause administration problems as the full dose is still very small.

The Buccolam should be administered in the same way as Epistatus with half dose being placed in both sides of the child's mouth as taught to you.

A product information booklet will accompany this leaflet that will give parents more information about this medication.

To discuss your child's epilepsy and emergency seizure care plan, please contact your local epilepsy nurse.

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