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Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Midazolam (Epistatus®) 7.5mg/0.75ml oromucosal solution pre-filled oral syringes
sugar free

Priority: Level 2

Valid until: late-May 2026

Issue

1. Midazolam (Epistatus®) 7.5mg/**0.75ml** oromucosal solution pre-filled oral syringes are currently out of stock until late-May 2026.
2. Midazolam (Buccolam® and generic) 7.5mg/**1.5ml** oromucosal solution pre-filled oral syringes remain available and can support increased demand

Advice and Actions

3. Until the shortage resolves, prescribers should:
 - not initiate new patients on Epistatus® 7.5mg/0.75ml oromucosal solution pre-filled oral syringes; and
 - consider prescribing midazolam (Buccolam® or the generic) 7.5mg/1.5ml oromucosal solution pre filled oral syringes where appropriate, ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients and ensuring that the parent/carer is advised on the change in volume being administered, counselled on how to administer the dose, and shown the patient information leaflet (see Supporting Information below).
4. Ensure local guidelines/PGDs covering administration by paramedics and nurses are amended, if needed, and staff re-trained on different formulation and administration technique.

Additional Information

5. Epistatus® 7.5mg/0.75ml is licensed for the treatment of prolonged, acute, convulsive seizures in children aged from 5 year to < 10 years.
6. Buccolam®/ generic midazolam 7.5mg/1.5ml oromucosal solution pre-filled oral syringes are licensed for the same indication and for use in the same age groups but are formulated so that the 7.5mg dose is in twice the volume of Epistatus® and also differ in administration technique. It is good practice to prescribe midazolam oromucosal solution by brand name and express strength in both milligrams and millilitres.

Links to further information

[SmPCs: Midazolam oromucosal solution](#)

[BNFc: Repeated or cluster seizures, prolonged seizures, and status epilepticus](#)

[BNF: Midazolam](#)

[Patient Information Leaflet: Buccolam](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

7. The UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in conjunction with SPS have launched an online Medicines Supply Tool, which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues. To access the online Medicines Supply Tool you need to register with the [SPS website](#). Registration for access to the website is available to UK healthcare professionals and organisations providing NHS healthcare. The tool is located under the Tools tab and then click on the Medicines Supply option.
8. Prescribers, pharmacy professionals, and pharmacy procurement leads in Scotland are encouraged to register with the SPS website and use its Medicine Supply Tool to stay up to date concerning medicines supply disruptions. Please be aware that while medicines supply issues will appear on the SPS website, some of the recommended actions may not always be appropriate / relevant within the Scottish context.

Enquiries

9. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to PharmacyTeam@gov.scot (primary care) or NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot (secondary care).