



# Medicine Supply Notification

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

Tier 2 – medium impact\*

Date of issue: 05/05/2026

Link: [Medicines Supply Tool](#)

## Summary

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

## Actions Required

Until the shortage resolves, prescribers should:

- not initiate new patients on Epistatus<sup>®</sup> 7.5mg/**0.75ml** oromucosal solution pre-filled oral syringes; and
- consider prescribing midazolam (Buccolam<sup>®</sup> 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).

Ensure local guidelines/PGDs covering administration by paramedics and nurses are amended, if needed, and staff re-trained on different formulation and administration technique.

## Supporting information

### Clinical Information

Epistatus<sup>®</sup> 7.5mg/0.75ml is licensed for the treatment of prolonged, acute, convulsive seizures in children aged from 5 year to < 10 years.

Buccolam<sup>®</sup>/ 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<sup>®</sup> 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.

\*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>

## [Links to further information](#)

[SmPCs: Midazolam oromucosal solution](#)

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

[BNF: Midazolam](#)

[Patient Information Leaflet: Buccolam](#)

[SmPCs and PILs: generic midazolam oromucosal solution](#)

## Enquiries

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