



Buccal midazolam

(buk-cal) (meh-daz-owe-lam)

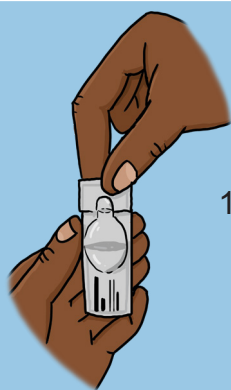


Midazolam is a type of medication used as emergency treatment for seizures that last longer than 5 minutes. The doctor will prescribe midazolam and bub's dose as not everyone needs the same dose. Buccally means place on the inside of the cheek.

Buccal midazolam comes in a plastic container with a twist top that is easily removed. The containers are labeled "for slow IV or IM injection" but can be used for buccal administration. Once you open the midazolam container it must be used straight away or thrown out.

Giving buccal midazolam

The doctor prescribed.....mg ordrops.
(5 mg of midazolam = 20 drops)

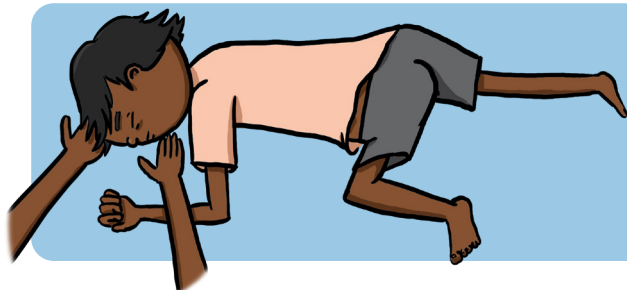


1. Twist tip of container



2. Empty unneeded drops using tissue. **Count them out.**
This reduces risk of over dosing.

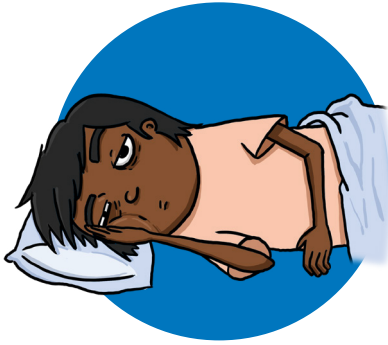
3. Squeeze prescribed number of drops directly in between the gum and cheek. Give roughly half the dose on each side of the mouth.



4. After giving the buccal midazolam, place bub on their side. Follow your doctor's advice when to give a second dose and when to call an ambulance to take bub to hospital if the seizure continues.

Side effects

Common side effects are:



Drowsiness or weakness



Headache



Change in mood (giggly, hyperactivity)



Change in balance

Very rarely side effect:



Shallow and slower breathing

Yarn to your doctor, health clinic or pharmacist about other medication or supplements bub is taking as midazolam can affect other medications.

Storing the medication

- Keep in cupboard out of reach of children.
- Store at room temperature or below 25°C. Do not refrigerate.
- Do not leave medication in a hot place like your car or bathroom.
- Keep ampoules protected from light in the silver foil it comes in.
- Discard the ampoules 8 months after opening the foil.

If you have any concerns, call your doctor or the PCH Pharmacy:

Pharmacy Dispensary: 6456 0190 - select option 2.

Paediatric Medicines Information Service: 6456 0190 – select option 1.

In case of overdose or poisoning, contact the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26.



Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service

Child and Adolescent Health Service
15 Hospital Avenue, Nedlands, WA, 6009.
Telephone: (08) 6456 2222
Produced by: Pharmacy / Social Work
Ref: 568.1 © CAHS 2021

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

Disclaimer: This publication is for general education and information purposes. Contact a qualified healthcare professional for any medical advice needed.

© State of Western Australia, Child and Adolescent Health Service.