



ADULT Medication Monograph

DIAZEPAM



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HIGH RISK Medication 

Schedule 4 Restricted Medication

Presentation	Ampoule: 10mg/2mL Tablet: 2mg, 5mg
Dose	<p><u>Anxiety, agitation</u></p> <p>Oral:</p> <p>2–5 mg as a single dose. Dose may be repeated, if necessary, up to a maximum of 10 mg daily.</p> <p><u>Acute severe anxiety, agitation, behaviour disturbance</u></p> <p>IV:</p> <p>5–10 mg, repeated if necessary every 5–10 minutes to a maximum of 30 mg.</p> <p><u>Benzodiazepine/Alcohol/Opiate withdrawal</u></p> <p>Refer to <i>WNHS Withdrawal Chart</i></p> <p><u>Premedication</u></p> <p>IV:</p> <p>0.1–0.2 mg/kg.</p> <p><u>Elderly and/or debilitated</u></p> <p>Halve the usual adult dose.</p>
Administration	<p><u>IV Injection (preferred)</u></p> <p>Inject undiluted, directly into a large vein, at a rate of 5 mg/minute (1 mL/minute) or slower.</p>

	<u>IM, Subcut, IV Infusion:</u> Not recommended. Contact pharmacy for advice.
Pregnancy	1st Trimester: Considered safe to use 2nd Trimester: Considered safe to use 3rd Trimester: Monitoring required
Breastfeeding	Considered safe to use
Monitoring	Extravasation or intra-arterial administration may cause severe complications. Rapid injection may cause apnoea, hypotension, bradycardia and cardiac arrest. Resuscitation equipment must be readily available.
Clinical Guidelines and Policies	KEMH Clinical Guideline: O&G: WANDAS WA Community Program for Opioid Pharmacotherapy (CPOP)
References	Australian Medicines Handbook. Diazepam. In: Australian Medicines Handbook [Internet]. Adelaide (South Australia): Australian Medicines Handbook; 2018 [cited 2018 Aug 20]. Available from: https://amhonline.amh.net.au/ Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia. Diazepam. In: Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook [Internet]. [St Leonards, New South Wales]: Health Communication Network; 2018 [cited 2018 Aug 20]. Available from: http://aidh.hcn.com.au

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