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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Medicine Supply Notification: Midazolam (Epistatus®) 7.5mg/0.75ml oromucosal solution pre-filled oral syringes sugar free
Tier 2 – medium impact

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Summary

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

Actions Required

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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).

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

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 [Search Results - \(emc\)](#)
 - BNFC: Repeated or cluster seizures, prolonged seizures, and status epilepticus [Epilepsy | Treatment summaries | BNFC | NICE](#)
 - BNF: Midazolam [Midazolam | Drugs | BNF | NICE](#)
 - Patient Information Leaflet: Buccolam [BUCCOLAM PSUSA-10118-201909 - EN PI \(clean\)](#)
- SmPCs and PILs: generic midazolam oromucosal solution [Search Results - \(emc\)](#)