

Are there any side effects?

- Drowsiness and sedation – your child may be drowsy for several hours after administration. If you are concerned that your child is not recovering as expected, please contact the ward.
- Amnesia or short term memory loss – this can last for a few hours afterwards.
- Breathing difficulties – this is unlikely to happen, but in the case of concerns, seek medical assistance by dialing 999.
- Restlessness, agitation and disorientation – this is unusually rare. Talk to, comfort and reassure your child.

Only give Buccolam to your child. Never give it to anyone else, even if they seem to be having a seizure, as it could do them harm.

Do not give your child another dose of Buccolam unless you have been told by your Doctor / Nurse or it is stated in their care plan.

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Seizure Management – Buccal Midazolam (Buccolam)

Information for parents and carers



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What is Buccal Midazolam?

It is a rescue medicine for prolonged and repeated seizures. Midazolam belongs to a group of medicines called Benzodiazepines, which are used in the treatment of different conditions, including seizures. It is usually referred to as its manufactures name of Buccolam.

Seizure control

Most people's seizures last the same time, each time they happen and usually stop themselves. However if a seizure lasts longer than five minutes it may be difficult to stop unless treatment is given. It is therefore important that rapid treatment is given to stop the seizures and therefore prevent status epilepticus.

Status epilepticus is a condition where a person has a seizure, or cluster of seizures lasting longer than 30 minutes, without complete recovery of consciousness.



How is Buccolam given?

Buccal means putting the medicine in the side of the mouth between the teeth and inner aspect of the cheek and is known as the buccal or oromucosal route. This allows the medicine to be absorbed directly into the blood stream. If the medicine is accidentally swallowed it may not work as quickly and be as effective. Initially effects become apparent after approximately five minutes.

How is Buccolam stored?

- It should be stored at room temperature, away from bright light and away from direct heat.
- The Buccolam should be stored in a safe place out of the reach of children.
- It should be kept in the container in which it has been prescribed.
- You may not be using the Buccolam on a regular basis so please check the expiry date and that the liquid remains clear. Return to the Pharmacist if it is out of date.

Always check that you have enough medicine and remember to order a new prescription in plenty of time.