



Lorazepam injection shortage

Information for:

- Prescribers ✓
- Pharmacy ✓
- Nurses ✓

There is a National supply disruption with lorazepam injection expected to last until the end of June 2020.

We have a very limited supply remaining which should be reserved for when alternatives are contraindicated e.g. haloperidol with QTc prolongation, Parkinson's disease, Lewy body dementia

⇒ Supplies will be prioritised for those wards caring for patients with frailty

Please consult speciality guidelines on Microguide for clinical alternatives which are summarised below:-

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Seizures (adult)	Diazepam 10mg rectally Midazolam 5-10mg s/c (end-of-life)
Seizures (neonatal and paediatric)	Buccal midazolam Diazepam rectally Midazolam IV Paraldehyde rectally Phenobarbitone IV
Rapid Tranquilisation (adults & paediatrics)	Promethazine i/m Haloperidol i/m Olanzapine i/m Oral midazolam (paeds only)
Delirium in frailty	Haloperidol i/m 0.5mg