- 7. The small amount left in the tube will not affect the correct dose.
- 8. Discard the used materials (such as the rectal tube, etc.), then wash hands thoroughly.

#### Precautions

- 1. For rectal use only. Not to be taken orally.
- 2. Use the medication as directed by your doctor.
- 3. If you have history of drug allergy, consult your doctor or pharmacist before using the medication.
- 4. Avoid driving or operating machinery as the drug can cause drowsiness, forgetfulness, slower reactions and poorer coordination.
- 5. Avoid drinking alcohol after using the medication as it may enhance the side effects.
- 6. Discard all medications that have expired or are no longer required.
- 7. Do not share the medication with other people.
- 8. Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- 9. Please consult your doctor if symptoms persist or worsen after using the medication.
- 10. The rectal solution is a clear, colourless or slightly yellowish solution. Do not use if there are any abnormalities or discoloration.
- 11. Always carry the medication with you and use it immediately if needed.
- 12. Keep the medication inside the aluminium foil. The foil should be opened immediately before use.

What are the possible side effects?

The common side effects include drowsiness, dizziness, muscle weakness, confusion, etc.

Elderly may be more susceptible to the side effects.

If you notice any allergic reactions like skin itchiness, face or hand swelling, breathing difficulty, etc., consult your doctor immediately.

### How to store?

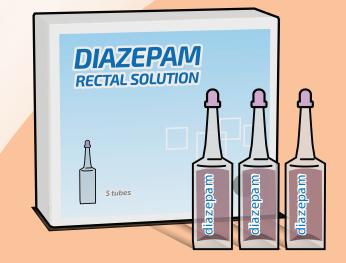
1. Keep out of reach of children.

2. Store in a cool, dry place and away from direct heat and light.

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# Diazepam Rectal Solution





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Diazepam is an anti-convulsant. The solution is administered via rectal route to exert anti-convulsant effect.



## Indication

Diazepam rectal solution is used in emergency situations to control seizures, such as status epilepticus and febrile convulsions in children (seizures caused by fever).

## How does it work?

Diazepam rectal solution is absorbed from the rectal mucosa and passes quickly into the brain to produce effect within 5 to 10 minutes.



1. Remove the cap before use, if applicable.



2. Let patient lie on the front or on the side, with a cushion under the hip. A small child can lie across adult's knees.



3. Slowly insert the nozzle into the anus. Do not squeeze the tube before the nozzle has been inserted. For child 1 to 3 years of age, insert only half way.



4. When inserted, press the tube with your fingers to deliver appropriate amount of drug.



5. Always keep the tube with the nozzle pointing downwards during administration.



6. Keep pressing while withdrawing the tube. Hold the buttocks together for a moment to prevent seepage.

