

Any Additional Information:

Do you have any questions for your doctor, nurse or pharmacist? (Write them here)

Epistatus[®]

Midazolam Liquid

Information Leaflet for Patients

Patient Name: _____

Discussed with (Healthcare Professional): _____

This leaflet provides you with general information about midazolam. It tells you why you are taking it (people take it for different reasons), how it should be taken and things to be aware of when taking it. You should also speak to your own doctor, nurse or pharmacist about this medicine.

(The word Epistatus[®] is used in this leaflet for information that relates to Epistatus[®] product only. Otherwise, the word midazolam is used.)

What is this medicine used for?

Midazolam can be used to treat many symptoms. You are being prescribed midazolam to/for:

How should I take this medicine?

Instructions



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- You should always take your medicine as told by your doctor.
- You should read the instructions on the pharmacy label and the side of the box of Epistatus®.
- Measure the amount of medication required, using the oral medication syringe.
- Slowly administer into the space between the gum and cheek. (This space is called the buccal cavity).
- Your doctor may advise you to split the dose between both sides of

Are there any side effects from taking Midazolam?

Yes, but only some patients suffer from side-effects. If you suffer from any of the following effects, that you think may be caused by your medicine, please contact your doctor immediately;

- Difficulty breathing or wheezing (contact your doctor immediately).
- Disorientation or hallucinations.
- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Difficulty sleeping, nightmares.
- Drowsiness.
- Headache.

Please read product information leaflet for a full list of side-effects. If you are concerned about any side-effects talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

Other warnings:

- Keep out of the reach of children.
- It is important to advise your pharmacist when you are buying any 'over-the-counter' medications that you are taking midazolam.
- A bottle of Epistatus® contains a very small amount of liquid (4mls). This is enough liquid to fill the four 1ml syringes that come in the box
- Do not drive or use machinery until you know how this medicine affects you.

Why do I have to pay for my Epistatus® if I have a medical card?

Epistatus® is not licensed for use in Ireland. There is information showing that the medicine is effective and safe for you. Your local pharmacy can supply this medicine to you. Epistatus® is not currently available under the Drugs Payment Scheme or the Medical Card Scheme because it is unlicensed. Please talk to your local pharmacist about the most cost effective way to get this medication.