## DIAZEPAM

This document should be read in conjunction with this **DISCLAIMER**

### HIGH RISK Medication

**Schedule 4 Restricted Medication**

| Presentation | Tablet: 2mg, 5mg  
|              | Ampoule: 10mg/2mL |

| Dose         | **Eclampsia- resuscitation**  
|              | IV: 2mg/minute to a maximum dose of 10mg, while Magnesium Sulphate is being prepared |

| Anticonvulsant | IV: 5-10mg repeated if necessary at 10 to 15 minute intervals, up to a maximum of 30mg. Dose can be repeated in 2 to 4 hours |

**Alcohol / Drug Withdrawal**

Refer to relevant [KEMH Clinical Guidelines and Policies](#) for appropriate dose regime (link below)

| Administration | **IV Injection** - Preferred route  
|                | **Administration:** Inject undiluted SLOWLY at a rate not exceeding 5mg/minute (1mL/minute). Administer into a large vein vessel to avoid thrombosis and phlebitis |

| IV Infusion   | Avoid if possible, may precipitate or adsorb onto bag. If IV infusion required;  
|              | **Dilution:** Up to 20 mg (4 mL) can be added to at least 250 mL of Glucose 5% or Sodium chloride 0.9%. Mix thoroughly and infuse immediately  
|              | **Administration:** Infusion must begin immediately and be completed within 6 hours to prevent precipitation |
**IM Injection** - *Avoid if possible, absorption is slow and erratic*

If required, inject deep into the deltoid muscle

| **Pregnancy** | 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester: Considered safe to use  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester: Considered safe to use  
3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester: Monitoring required |
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**Clinical guidelines and policies**

- [Clinical Practice Guideline: WANDAS](https://amhonline.amh.net.au/)
- [Management of the woman with Eclampsia](https://amhonline.amh.net.au/)
- [Hypertension in pregnancy: Medical management](https://amhonline.amh.net.au/)
- [Standard Procedures for Reconstitution and Administration of Intravenous Drugs](https://amhonline.amh.net.au/)

**References**


