ADMINISTRATION AND DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT

Read first before using

To the caregiver using Diastat®:
Please do not give DIASTAT® until:
1. You have thoroughly read these instructions
2. Reviewed administration steps with the doctor
3. Understand the directions

To the caregiver using Diastat® AcuDial™:
Please do not give DIASTAT® AcuDial™ until:
1. You have confirmed:
   • green “READY” band is visible and if known, is correct
   • Prescribed dose is visible and if known, dosage is:
2. You have thoroughly read these instructions
3. Reviewed administration steps with the doctor
4. Understand the directions

Please do not administer DIASTAT until you feel comfortable with how to use DIASTAT. The doctor will tell you exactly when to use DIASTAT. When you use DIASTAT correctly and safely you will help bring seizures under control. Be sure to discuss every aspect of your role with the doctor. If you are not comfortable, then discuss your role with the doctor again.

To help the person with seizures:
✓ You must be able to tell the difference between cluster and ordinary seizures.
✓ You must be comfortable and satisfied that you are able to give DIASTAT.
✓ You need to agree with the doctor on the exact conditions when to treat with DIASTAT.
✓ You must know how and for how long you should check the person after giving DIASTAT.

To know what responses to expect:
✓ You need to know how soon seizures should stop or decrease in frequency after giving DIASTAT.
✓ You need to know what you should do if the seizures do not stop or there is a change in the person’s breathing, behavior or condition that alarms you.

If you have any questions or feel unsure about using the treatment, CALL THE DOCTOR before using DIASTAT.

Where can I find more information and support?
For information on Diastat® and Diastat® AcuDial™:
Call 1-877-361-2719 or
Visit www.diastat.com

Additional resource:
Epilepsy Foundation (EF). You can reach EF by calling 1-800-EFA-1000 or www.efa.org.

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When to treat. Based on the doctor’s directions or prescription. Your doctor may prescribe a second dose of Diazepam rectal gel. If a second dose is needed, give it 4 hours to 12 hours after the first dose.

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Special considerations.

DIASTAT should be used with caution:
• In people with respiratory (breathing) difficulties (e.g., asthma or pneumonia)
• In the elderly
• In women of child bearing potential, pregnancy and nursing mothers

Discuss beforehand with the doctor any additional steps you may need to take if there is leakage of DIASTAT or a bowel movement.

Patient’s DIASTAT dosage is: ________mg
Patient’s resting breathing rate ________ Patient’s current weight ________

Confirm current weight is still the same as when DIASTAT was prescribed

Check expiration date and always remove cap before using. Be sure seal pin is removed with the cap.

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TREATMENT 1

Important things to tell the doctor.

Date

Seizures Before DIASTAT

Seizures After DIASTAT

Date

Time

Seize

type

No. of

Seizures

Time

Seize

type

No. of

Seizures

Seizures

Before

DIASTAT

Seizures

After

DIASTAT

Things to do after treatment with DIASTAT.

Stay with the person for 4 hours and make notes on the following:
• Changes in resting breathing rate
• Changes in color

• Possible side effects from treatment

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TREATMENT 2

Important things to tell the doctor.

Date

Seizures Before DIASTAT

Seizures After DIASTAT

Date

Time

Seize

type

No. of

Seizures

Time

Seize

type

No. of

Seizures

Seizures

Before

DIASTAT

Seizures

After

DIASTAT

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Stay with the person for 4 hours and make notes on the following:
• Changes in resting breathing rate
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• Possible side effects from treatment
HOW TO ADMINISTER AND DISPOSAL

1. Put person on their side where they can’t fall.
2. Get medicine.
3. Get syringe. Note: Seal Pin is attached to the cap.
4. Push up with thumb and pull to remove cap from syringe. Be sure Seal Pin is removed with the cap.

5. Lubricate rectal tip with lubricating jelly.
6. Turn person on side facing you.
7. Bend upper leg forward to expose rectum.
8. Separate buttocks to expose rectum.

9. Gently insert syringe tip into rectum. Note: Rim should be snug against rectal opening.
10. Slowly count to 3 while gently pushing plunger in until it stops.
11. Slowly count to 3 before removing syringe from rectum.
12. Slowly count to 3 while holding buttocks together to prevent leakage.

SLOWLY COUNT OUT LOUD TO THREE...1...2...3

ONCE DIASTAT® IS GIVEN

13. Keep person on side facing you, note time given and continue to observe.

DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIASTAT® ACUDIAL

14a. Pull on plunger until it is completely removed from the syringe body.
• Point tip over sink or toilet.

14b. Replace plunger into syringe body, gently pushing plunger until it stops.
• Flush toilet or rinse sink with water until gel is no longer visible.

At the completion of step 13:
• Discard all used materials in the garbage can.
• Do not reuse.
• Discard in a safe place away from children.

This step is for Diastat® AcuDial™ users only
At the completion of step 14a:
• Discard all used materials in the garbage can.
• Do not reuse.
• Discard in a safe place away from children.

CALL FOR HELP IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR

• Seizure(s) continues 15 minutes after giving DIASTAT or per the doctor’s instructions: ____________________________
• Seizure behavior is different from other episodes.
• You are alarmed by the frequency or severity of the seizure(s).
• You are alarmed by the color or breathing of the person.
• The person is having unusual or serious problems.

Local Emergency Number: ____________________________
(please be sure to note if your area has 911)

Doctor’s Number: ____________________________

Information for Emergency Squad:
Time DIASTAT given: ____________________________
Dose: ____________________________

Please see Important Safety Information attached and accompanying full Prescribing Information for Diastat including Boxed Warning regarding potentially fatal interactions with opioids.
**Important Safety Information**

**DIASTAT® (diazepam rectal gel)**

**INDICATION**

DIASTAT® (diazepam rectal gel) is a gel formulation of diazepam intended for rectal administration for certain patients with epilepsy who are already taking antiepileptic medications, and who require occasional use of diazepam to control bouts of increased seizure activity.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

- Potentially fatal additive effects (respiratory depression and sedation) may occur if Diastat or Diastat AcuDial is used with opioids. Do not use such drugs together unless supervised by a health care provider.
- Do not use DIASTAT if you are allergic to diazepam.
- Do not use DIASTAT if you have an eye condition known as acute narrow angle glaucoma.
- If you are a caregiver administering DIASTAT ensure that you have read and understand the accompanying Administration and Disposal Instructions. Ensure that (1) you can identify the difference between cluster of seizures (and/or the events that precipitate the onset of seizures) from ordinary seizure activity, (2) a doctor confirms that you are able to use the product as instructed, (3) you understand which seizures may or may not be treated with diazepam rectal gel, and (4) you monitor the effect of diazepam rectal gel and know when to seek professional medical help.
- Do not operate machinery, drive a motor vehicle, or ride a bike until you no longer feel the effects of DIASTAT.
- Do not use DIASTAT with alcohol or in combination with other Central Nervous System (CNS) medications or products that cause respiratory (breathing) or CNS effects. Talk to your doctor if you have any questions about medications or products that you should not use in combination with DIASTAT.
- Prolonged CNS depression has been observed in neonates treated with diazepam. Therefore, diazepam rectal gel is not recommended for use in children under six months of age.
- The controlled trials demonstrating the effectiveness of Diazepam rectal gel included children two years of age and older. Clinical studies have not been conducted to establish the efficacy and safety of Diazepam rectal gel in children under two years of age.
- Pregnancy Category D - No clinical studies have been conducted with diazepam rectal gel in pregnant women. Data from several sources raise concerns about the use of diazepam during pregnancy. Talk to your doctor before using DIASTAT if you are nursing, pregnant, or of childbearing potential.
- Use with caution if you have breathing difficulties (such as asthma or pneumonia), kidney or liver disease, or are elderly. Talk to your doctor if any of these conditions apply to you, or if you are not sure if any of these conditions apply to you.
- Diazepam rectal gel can cause drug addiction. Use no more than every five days and no more than five times per month.
- The most frequent side effect reported for DIASTAT in clinical trials was somnolence (sleepiness or drowsiness). Other side effects include dizziness, headache, pain, abdominal pain, nervousness, vasodilation (increase in diameter of blood vessel), diarrhea, ataxia/incoordination (lack of coordination), euphoria (feeling of great happiness or well-being), asthma, rhinitis (irritation of the nose similar to an allergy or a cold) and rash.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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