

## Diazepam (VALIUM®)

- Class:** Anticonvulsant/sedative (Benzodiazepine)
- Actions:** Affects multiple levels of CNS to decrease seizures by increasing seizure threshold.
- Rx:**
- Grand mal (Tonic-Clonic) seizures.
  - Premedication before cardioversion.
  - Acute anxiety states.
  - Acute muscle spasms.
- Contra:** Head injury, ↓BP, acute narrow angle glaucoma.
- SE:** Drowsiness, ↓BP, ↓respirations, burning proximal to injection site.
- Dosage:**
- Status epilepticus: 2-10 mg IV.
  - Acute anxiety: 2-5 mg IV.
  - Premedication for cardioversion: 5-10 mg IV.
  - Rectal diazepam: 0.5 mg/kg via 2" catheter can be given with 2 – 3 ml of air after administration.*
- Peds:**
- Status epilepticus: 0.1 – 0.2 mg/kg.
- Notes:** Will cause tissue irritation. IM absorption is erratic & unreliable. Consider versed in cases where an IV cannot be established.

Supplied in SVMCA Drug Box: 10 mg/2 ml carpucject