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DIASTAT (diazepam rectal gel)

(AGES 19 YEARS AND ABOVE)

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: UP TO ONE YEAR (refer to criteria below)

NOTE:

- **Diastat is preferred for ages less than 19 years**
- Quantity Limit: 2 Kits

REVIEW CRITERIA:

- Must have **documentation** from physician indicating the intermittent use (as opposed to chronic use) of Diastat to control bouts of increased seizure activity.
- Approved in cases of **Febrile Seizures** or **Breakthrough Seizures**:
 - **Febrile Seizures**
 - May approve two boxes a month for up to 3 months
 - **Breakthrough Seizures (while on Antiepileptic maintenance therapy)**
 - May approve two boxes a month for 12 months

NOTE:

1 Box = 2 rectal gels (that second gel or device may be used 4-12 hours after the initial dose if needed).

DOSING:

NOTE: It is recommended that rectal diazepam be used to treat no more than five episodes per month and no more than one episode every five days.

NOTE: The Diastat 2.5 mg dose may also be used as a partial replacement dose for patients who expel a portion of the first dose.

Adults, Adolescents and Children 12 years of age: 0.2 mg/kg PR. Doses should be rounded upward to the next available dosage strength. A second dose, if needed, may be given 4—12 hours after the first dose.

Elderly and Debilitated patients: 0.2 mg/kg PR. Doses should be rounded downward to reduce the likelihood of ataxia or over-sedation. A second dose, if needed, may be given 4—12 hours after the first dose.

Children 6 - 11 years: 0.3 mg/kg PR. Doses should be rounded upward to the next available dosage strength. A second dose, if needed, may be given 4—12 hours after the first dose.



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Children 2—5 years: 0.5 mg/kg PR. Doses should be rounded upward to the next available dosage strength. A second dose, if needed, may be given 4—12 hours after the first dose.