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NHS Dental Teams

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Dear NHS Dental Teams,

Use of Midazolam 10mg/2ml ampoules for buccal administration in Emergency Dental Boxes

As you are aware over the past 12 months there have been problems with the supply of emergency dental kits. This has been due to lack of availability of Midazolam Oromucosal Solution which when available, only has a short shelf life.

A contingency plan was agreed with the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer as detailed in the letter of 27th September 2021. The option of using Midazolam in the form of injection ampoules and drawing up using an oral syringe and administered buccally was agreed.

It was recognised that this may be a significant change for many dental teams therefore NES have prepared a training video to enable dental teams to familiarise themselves with this new delivery method. This training video can be accessed on TURAS Learn at:

[Emergency treatment of a prolonged epileptic seizure using buccally administered 10mg in 2ml Midazolam using an oral syringe | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

Further enquiries regarding the supply of this revised product may be made by contact with your usual supplier.

Yours sincerely,



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