

How to administer Epistatus

Epistatus is used to stop **prolonged, acute, convulsive seizures** in adults, adolescents, children and infants aged 3 months and above who have been diagnosed with epilepsy. In infants from 3 months to less than 6 months, this medicine should only be used in a hospital setting where monitoring is possible and resuscitation equipment is available. It must only be given by parents or caregivers of patients diagnosed with epilepsy.

Use this medicine exactly as directed by your doctor or epilepsy nurse and in line with the person with epilepsy's care plan.



As soon as the person's seizure starts, make a note of the time.



Place something soft under the head for protection and support. Locate the person's Epistatus and continue timing the seizure. If it goes on for 5 minutes or more, Epistatus should be administered.



Check the medication for the expiry date, and do not use if the solution is not clear (e.g. cloudy or white particles present).



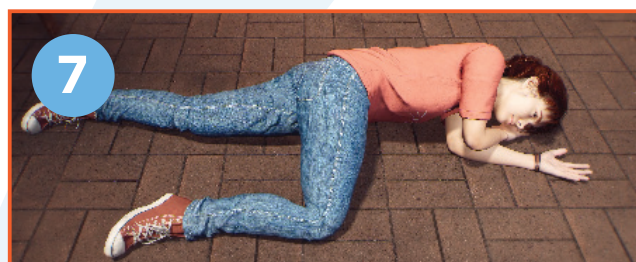
Unscrew the amber cap/sheath.



Pull back the cheek and insert into the space between the cheek and teeth (buccal cavity). Do not put in between teeth.



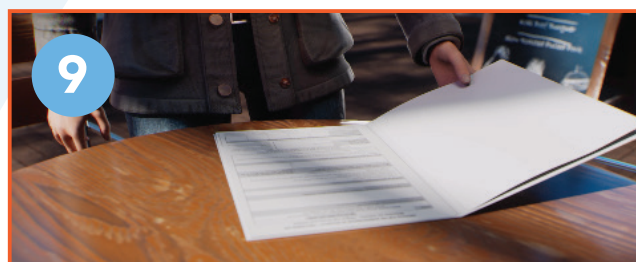
Administer medicine slowly, 2-3 seconds in each cheek, or just into one over 4-5 seconds if difficulty in accessing one buccal cavity.



Put the person into the recovery position once the seizure has finished.



Note the time. If the person's seizure does not stop within the time noted in their care plan to wait after giving Epistatus, call an ambulance.



Record what happened in the person's care plan.

Call an ambulance if:

- the seizure does not stop within the time noted in the person's care plan to wait after giving Epistatus
- the person has another seizure
- the person has breathing difficulties or stops breathing
- the person has chest pain, loses consciousness or has no pulse
- they get a sudden lumpy rash
- they get swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat
- they take too much Epistatus (for example if they become weak, drowsy or feel faint)
- they become unconscious

DO NOT give more than the amount of medicine prescribed by a doctor for the person with epilepsy. Only one syringe should be used unless prior medical advice has been received. If in doubt, call for immediate medical help.

Further information

For further information on Epistatus, please speak to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist. You can find additional support resources at www.epistatus.co.uk

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/> or search for MHRA Yellow card in the Google Play or Apple app store.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine. Side effects should also be reported to SERB Pharmaceuticals at the address below.

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