**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.