

Lorazepam

CAUTION: High Administration Risk Rating		
Form & Storage	Lorazepam 4mg per 1mL ampoule	Ampoules are stored in the fridge.
Reconstitution	Already in solution Dilute further before administration.	
Compatibility & Stability	Sodium Chloride 0.9%	
Administration	<p><u>IV Injection (preferred)</u> Dilute with an equal volume of compatible fluid. In status epilepticus administer by rapid injection. For other indications, give slowly over 3 - 5 minutes.</p> <p><u>IM injection only use when oral and iv routes not possible</u> Dilute with an equal volume of compatible fluid.</p>	
Antidote	Flumazenil is a specific benzodiazepine antagonist and must be available to rapidly reverse respiratory depression when administering lorazepam.	
Extravasation	IV injection should be performed with extreme care to avoid inadvertent intra-arterial injection, which can cause arteriospasm possibly resulting in gangrene.	
Additional Information	Patients should remain under observation for at least 8 hours after administration.	

Information provided relates to Ativan® manufactured by Pfizer.