

Lorazepam

CAUTION: High Administration Risk Rating	
Form & Storage	Lorazepam 4mg per 1mL ampoule Ampoules are stored in the fridge.
Reconstitution	<p>Already in solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw up using a 5 micron filter needle Use gloves when opening ampoules <p>Dilute further before administration.</p>
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.