

Appendix 5 - Oxazepam Reducing Dose Chart:

Addressograph Label

For patients with significant liver impairment or otherwise at risk of benzodiazepine accumulation

Name:	DoB:	Ward:	CHI:	Consultant:
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Day	Date	Drug	Prescribed Dose	Route	Administration Times Given by (initials)				Prescriber's Signature and Name
					0800 hours	1200 hours	1800 hours	2200 hours	
1		Oxazepam	30mg	Oral	-----	-----	-----	-----	
2		Oxazepam	20mg	Oral	-----	-----	-----	-----	
3		Oxazepam	20mg	Oral	-----			-----	
		Oxazepam	10mg	Oral		-----	-----		
4		Oxazepam	10mg	Oral	-----		-----	-----	
5		Oxazepam	10mg	Oral	-----			-----	

PRESCRIBE On drug chart: "Oxazepam according to Reducing Dose Chart" and "Oxazepam 20-50mg as required, as per GMAWS score (200mg maximum, including regular + PRN dose in 24 hours)" review use daily

CONSIDER

Is this the right chart?
 Are nursing staff monitoring with GMAWS?
 Has IV vitamin B&C or IM thiamine been started?
 Is this regimen being reviewed?

- This chart is for patients in alcohol withdrawal assessed as being at **lower** risk of complications
- Breakthrough symptoms should be assessed using the GMAWS and treated
- All patients in alcohol withdrawal are at risk of Wernicke's Encephalopathy
- Must be reviewed daily and considered if needs adjusted