

# Emergency Medication



Emergency epilepsy medication works by stopping or reducing seizure activity if given during a seizure. A person's doctor may prescribe emergency medication if they have seizures that last a long time, clusters of seizures and/or if they last a long distance from medical assistance.

Emergency medication is not used as a replacement for daily ASMs. Instead emergency medication is prescribed in an effort to stop a seizure before it becomes prolonged and potentially harmful.

It's important for anyone who has a duty of care to administer emergency medication to undertake training so that they feel confident and capable if the need arises. Your GP or Neurologist may assist in developing a [Seizure Management Plan](#) and/or a Emergency Medication Management Plan.

Epilepsy New Zealand's educators can also assist in developing plans in collaboration with the individual/whānau, medical provider, and the setting. These **do not replace** medical plans provided by your GP or Neurologist and we recommend that these plans are signed off by a Doctor before implementation.