

YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROCEDURE FOR SEIZURE MANAGEMENT STUDENT WITH
KNOWN SEIZURE DISORDER

Record/note time that seizure activity begins

Locate student's individualized seizure management plan. Use the seizure management plan to identify the student's usual pattern of seizure activity, standing Diastat order, VNS order, and other medically ordered interventions:

- Locate and swipe VNS magnet as available and ordered
- Give Diastat, as ordered
- If Diastat is administered, dismissal will be at the discretion of the nurse
- Diastat's effects should be seen in 5 to 15 minutes
- Status epilepticus is defined as 20 to 30 minutes of continuous seizure activity, or 2 or more recurrent seizures without regaining full consciousness

Attempt to identify seizure type:

- Absence
- Simple partial
- Complex partial
- Generalized tonic clonic

Delegate phone call to parent/guardian

Provide care according to the student's seizure management plan, and as follows:

- Ease child to the floor
- Clear the immediate area of any objects that could injure the child
- Loosen constrictive clothing
- If possible, place flat soft padding, such as a folded jacket, under the child's head
- Do not restrain the child's movements in any way
- Do not attempt to reach into or to place anything in the child's mouth
- Turn the child on his or her side to facilitate an open airway and the draining of secretions
- Protect the airway at all times during and after the seizure
- Observe for respiratory effort, pallor, or cyanosis
- Auscultate apical pulse and breath sounds to assist in the assessment
- When in doubt, call EMS
- Record observations on seizure observation record

1. EMS will be called in the event of:

- Seizure in a child with diabetes
- No resolution of seizure within 5-7 minutes of Diastat administration.
- Any observed seizure activity with no Diastat order in place
- 2 or more recurrent seizures between which the student does not regain consciousness
- Student injury during the seizure
- Seizure occurs in water
- Cyanosis, apnea, and/or significant changes in vital signs per nursing judgment

2. EMS may be called at the nurse's discretion:

- First ever administration of Diastat in school setting
- First seizure in the school setting