

SEIZURE PRECAUTIONS

The following are a list of precautions you can take should you have a student in your work area who experiences a seizure. You should call the nurse, but these are things to keep in mind while you are waiting for assistance.

1. Stay calm! Try to note the time of onset.
2. Place student in a safe position. If in a chair, lower them to the floor. Once placed on floor, turn to LEFT SIDE and place something soft under their head to prevent injury if jerking.
3. Loosen clothing around their neck.
4. DO NOT try to restrict their movements.
5. DO NOT put anything in their mouth. (they will not swallow their tongue, however they may bite it, but the risk of them choking on something placed in their mouth is greater)
6. Send another student to call for nurse.
7. If the seizure lasts more than 5 minutes or involves injuries, Call 911
8. Ask other students to leave the room to allow for privacy.

Some students experience petit mal seizures which involve no unconsciousness or jerking movements. They will look as if they are day dreaming and may appear to not hear you when spoken to. Sometimes they will drool. These need to be discussed with the nurse and timed if possible.

The most important thing to remember is that most seizures are not an emergency. When handled properly, most seizures are resolved within 2 minutes without injury. Try to remain calm.

Any student who experiences a head injury and appears to be having a seizure should not be moved and 911 should be called immediately.



Seizure Action Plan

Effective Date _____

This student is being treated for a seizure disorder. The information below should assist you if a seizure occurs during school hours.

Student's Name _____	Date of Birth _____
Parent/Guardian _____	Phone _____ Cell _____
Other Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____ Cell _____
Treating Physician _____	Phone _____

Significant Medical History _____

Seizure Information

Seizure Type	Length	Frequency	Description

Seizure triggers or warning signs: _____ Student's response after a seizure: _____

Basic First Aid: Care & Comfort

Please describe basic first aid procedures: _____

Does student need to leave the classroom after a seizure? Yes No
 If YES, describe process for returning student to classroom: _____

Basic Seizure First Aid

- Stay calm & track time
- Keep child safe
- Do not restrain
- Do not put anything in mouth
- Stay with child until fully conscious
- Record seizure in log

For tonic-clonic seizure:

- Protect head
- Keep airway open/watch breathing
- Turn child on side

A seizure is generally considered an emergency when:

- Convulsive (tonic-clonic) seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes
- Student has repeated seizures without regaining consciousness
- Student is injured or has diabetes
- Student has a first-time seizure
- Student has breathing difficulties
- Student has a seizure in water

Emergency Response

A "seizure emergency" for this student is defined as: _____

Seizure Emergency Protocol
(Check all that apply and clarify below)

Contact school nurse at _____

Call 911 for transport to _____

Notify parent or emergency contact

Administer emergency medications as indicated below

Notify doctor

Other _____

Treatment Protocol During School Hours (include daily and emergency medications)

Emerg. Med. ✓	Medication	Dosage & Time of Day Given	Common Side Effects & Special Instructions

Does student have a Vagus Nerve Stimulator? Yes No If YES, describe magnet use: _____

Special Considerations and Precautions (regarding school activities, sports, trips, etc.)

Describe any special considerations or precautions: _____

Physician Signature _____ Date _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Questionnaire for Parent of a Student with Seizures

Please complete all questions. This information is essential for the school nurse and school staff in determining your child's special needs and providing a positive and supportive learning environment. If you have any questions about how to complete this form, please contact your child's school nurse.

Contact Information

Student's Name	School Year	Date of Birth	
School	Grade	Classroom	
Parent/Guardian	Phone	Work	Cell
Parent/Guardian Email			
Other Emergency Contact	Phone	Work	Cell
Child's Neurologist	Phone	Location	
Child's Primary Care Doctor	Phone	Location	
Significant Medical History or Conditions			

Seizure Information

1. When was your child diagnosed with seizures or epilepsy? _____

2. Seizure type(s) _____

Seizure Type	Length	Frequency	Description

3. What might trigger a seizure in your child? _____

4. Are there any warnings and/or behavior changes before the seizure occurs? YES NO
If YES, please explain: _____

5. When was your child's last seizure? _____

6. Has there been any recent change in your child's seizure patterns? YES NO
If YES, please explain: _____

7. How does your child react after a seizure is over? _____

8. How do other illnesses affect your child's seizure control? _____

Basic First Aid: Care & Comfort

9. What basic first aid procedures should be taken when your child has a seizure in school? _____

10. Will your child need to leave the classroom after a seizure? YES NO
If YES, what process would you recommend for returning your child to classroom: _____

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- Do not restrain
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Seizure Emergencies

11. Please describe what constitutes an emergency for your child? (Answer may require consultation with treating physician and school nurse.)

12. Has child ever been hospitalized for continuous seizures? YES NO

If YES, please explain:

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Seizure Medication and Treatment Information

13. What medication(s) does your child take?

Medication	Date Started	Dosage	Frequency and Time of Day Taken	Possible Side Effects

14. What emergency/rescue medications are prescribed for your child?

Medication	Dosage	Administration Instructions (timing* & method**)	What to Do After Administration

* After 2nd or 3rd seizure, for cluster of seizure, etc.

** Orally, under tongue, rectally, etc.

15. What medication(s) will your child need to take during school hours? _____

16. Should any of these medications be administered in a special way? YES NO

If YES, please explain: _____

17. Should any particular reaction be watched for? YES NO

If YES, please explain: _____

18. What should be done when your child misses a dose? _____

19. Should the school have backup medication available to give your child for missed dose? YES NO

20. Do you wish to be called before backup medication is given for a missed dose? YES NO

21. Does your child have a Vagus Nerve Stimulator? YES NO

If YES, please describe instructions for appropriate magnet use:

Special Considerations & Precautions

22. Check all that apply and describe any consideration or precautions that should be taken:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General health _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical education (gym/sports) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical functioning _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Recess _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Field trips _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus transportation _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mood/coping _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

General Communication Issues

23. What is the best way for us to communicate with you about your child's seizure(s)? _____

24. Can this information be shared with classroom teacher(s) and other appropriate school personnel? YES NO

Dates _____

Updated _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Seizure Observation Record

Student Name:			
Date & Time			
Seizure Length			
Pre-Seizure Observation (Briefly list behaviors, triggering events, activities)			
Conscious (yes/no/altered)			
Injuries (briefly describe)			
Muscle Tone/Body Movements	Rigid/clenching		
	Limp		
	Fell down		
	Rocking		
	Wandering around		
	Whole body jerking		
Extremity Movements	(R) arm jerking		
	(L) arm jerking		
	(R) leg jerking		
	(L) leg jerking		
	Random Movement		
Color	Bluish		
	Pale		
	Flushed		
Eyes	Pupils dilated		
	Turned (R or L)		
	Rolled up		
	Staring or blinking (clarify)		
	Closed		
Mouth	Salivating		
	Chewing		
	Lip smacking		
Verbal Sounds (gagging, talking, throat clearing, etc.)			
Breathing (normal, labored, stopped, noisy, etc.)			
Incontinent (urine or feces)			
Post-Seizure Observation	Confused		
	Sleepy/tired		
	Headache		
	Speech slurring		
	Other		
Length to Orientation			
Parents Notified? (time of call)			
EMS Called? (call time & arrival time)			
Observer's Name			

Please put additional notes on back as necessary.



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