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RESPONDING TO SEIZURES

Generalized Seizure:

If student falling, jerking, and/or stiff and rigid limbs:

1. Assist the student to the floor; turn to side (preferably left side).
2. TIME THE LENGTH OF THE SEIZURE
3. Remove objects and clear furniture which may cause injury.
4. Loosen restrictive clothing and remove eyeglasses.
5. Place padding under head.
6. Delegate an adult to remove other students from the area.
7. Allow seizure to run its course.
 - DO NOT restrain the student.
 - DO NOT insert anything into the student's mouth.
 - DO NOT try to stop purposeless behavior
8. Remain calm. Speak quietly and calmly to student and offer reassurance.

- Administer emergency medication, if ordered:
- Refer to *Procedure for Administration of Rectal Diastat*
 - Refer to *Procedure for Administration of Intranasal Versed*
 - Refer to *Procedure for Administration of Buccal Versed*
 - Refer to *Procedure for Administration of Sublingual _____*
- Swipe Vagus Nerve Stimulator magnet, if ordered:
- Refer to *Procedure for Vagus Nerve Stimulator*

Complex Partial Seizures or Absence Seizures:

If student exhibits behavior outburst, lip smacking, head jerking, repetitive behaviors, and/or brief period of staring, then ...

1. Time the length of the seizure

2. Assist the student to comfortable position.
3. Speak quietly and calmly and offer reassurance.
4. Reassure the other students in the area. Do not refer to the student as “having a spell”.
5. DO NOT restrain student. Avoid touching student unless his/her safety is compromised.
6. If student is acting angry or aggressive, stay back from student.

If student exhibits any of the following, then an emergency response is required:

- Absent breathing and/or pulse
 - Seizure lasts more than 5 minutes
 - 2 or more seizures without full recovery of consciousness between seizures
 - Continued unusual paleness or bluish skin/lips
 - Noisy breathing after seizure has stopped
 - Significant injury sustained during the seizure, especially to head or neck
 - Seizure occurs in the pool/water.
1. Delegate call to EMS/9-1-1 immediately.
 2. Delegate call to school nurse and parent.
 3. Start CPR for absent breathing or pulse.

When a seizure is complete:

1. Reorient and reassure the student. Allow student to change into clean clothing if necessary. Allow student to sleep and rest as desired.
2. A student recovering from a generalized seizure may manifest abnormal behavior such as incoherent speech, extreme restlessness, and confusion. This may last from five minutes to hours. The student is not responsible for his/her behavior during this period.
3. Inform parent immediately of seizure via telephone if not previously notified.
4. Ensure nurse is notified of incident.
5. Complete required documentation.

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