



Epilepsy Center
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NURSING GUIDELINES FOR THE EPILEPSY MONITORING UNIT

SITUATION	WHAT TO DO
<p>Focal seizure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With or w/o impaired responsiveness • No convulsive activity • Patient returns to baseline within 15 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Seizure Assessment Form
<p>Two focal seizures with impaired responsiveness in <8 hours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Seizure Assessment Form • Call Neurology H.O. on-call
<p>Generalized tonic-clonic seizure (convulsive)—stops within 2 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Seizure Assessment Form • Call Neurology H.O. on-call
<p>Generalized tonic-clonic seizure (convulsive) —continues for more than 2 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Neurology H.O. on-call • Give Ativan 2mg IV Push • Complete Seizure Assessment Form
<p>Generalized tonic-clonic seizure—continues for more than 5 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Rapid Response Team (SF)