

PROCEDURE FOR ILLNESS

SEIZURE DISORDER/EPILEPSY

A disorder of the nervous system caused by an abnormal electrical discharge in the brain.

SIGNS

GRAND MAL

Muscles tense.

Body becomes rigid.

Eyes roll upward.

Temporary loss of consciousness and violent shaking of part or all of the body.

Jerking movements from trunk and extremities.

Saliva from the mouth (drooling).

Abnormal breathing.

Loss of bladder and/or bowel control.

May last from 2-5 minutes.

PETIT MAL

Blinking and staring spells.

Lasts less than one minute.

Student will not be able to hear commands during these periods.

Attack often mistaken for inattentiveness or daydreaming.

PROCESS CRITERIA

The Health Staff will:

GRAND MAL

1. Keep student calm.
2. Do not restrain.
3. Move student as to lie on their side if possible.
4. Remove all hard or sharp objects near student.
5. Loosen clothing and remove glasses if possible.
6. Do not force anything into the student's mouth.
7. CALL 911 for seizures lasting longer than two minutes, trouble breathing, seizure is followed immediately by more seizures, or for no known previous seizure activity.
8. Remain with student at all times until conscious and no longer confused.
9. When seizure is over, allow student to remain down and resting.
10. Once back in control, re-orient the student to the environment.
11. Do a neuro check and take vitals
12. Contact parent.
13. Contact physician when student has continual or frequent seizure episodes.

14. Follow up if student has blue discoloration, trouble breathing, has injured themselves or if this is the student's first known seizure.