



**U.S. Department  
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## NURSING GUIDELINES FOR THE EPILEPSY MONITORING UNIT

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