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## NURSING GUIDELINES FOR THE EPILEPSY MONITORING UNIT

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