

Subject: Treatment Guidelines – ALS
Seizures

Associated Policies:

- I. Priorities
 - A. ABC's.
 - B. Airway maintenance, support respiration, prevent body injury.
 - C. Determine degree of physiologic distress, possible cause of seizure.
 - D. Assess and document course of seizure.
 - E. Rapid transport, if unconscious or conscious with progressive symptoms.

- II. Seizures
 - A. General:
Tonic/clonic measurements followed by a period of unconsciousness (postictal period).
Patients usually have a history of prior seizures, are on medication, or are suffering from alcohol withdrawal.
 - 1. Ensure a patient airway.
 - 2. Oxygen per Policy # 6030. Be prepared to support ventilations with appropriate airway adjuncts, especially if anti-convulsant drug therapy is used.
 - 3. Protect patient from injury during seizure activity.
 - 4. Cardiac monitor.
 - 5. IV access TKO obtain blood glucose.
 - 6. Consider:
 - a. Benzodiazapine per Policy # 5332
 - b. Dextrose per Policy # 5306 with confirmed hypoglycemia.

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