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Exclusion Criteria

- < 3 months of age
- Unimmunized or under-immunized if < 6 months of age
- Concurrent fever, refer to the [Febrile Seizure Clinical Pathway](#)
- Presenting in status epilepticus (*seizure lasting longer than 5 minutes*), refer to the [Status Epilepticus Initial Management Clinical Pathway](#)
- Concerns for [epileptic \(formerly infantile\) spasms](#) (consult Neurology as soon as possible)
- Significant CNS event or surgical intervention within past two weeks; if applicable, refer to the [Shunts \(Neurosurgical\): Infection and Malfunction Clinical Pathway](#)

Off Guideline. Treat underlying cause

Provoked Seizure

- Electrolyte imbalance
- Toxic ingestion or recent medication changes
- History of head trauma or concern for non-accidental trauma (NAT)
- Concern for meningitis

Neurological Baseline

- 4 - 6 hours is a reasonable amount of time for a child to return to baseline following a first unprovoked seizure
- If a child has been treated for seizure (*benzodiazepine or other*), the recovery period will be affected

• Consult Neurology
• Continue medical stabilization and workup as needed (*CBC, BMP, consider urine drug screen*)

Focal
Non-urgent neuroimaging (*MRI without contrast*) and EEG, both will be ordered at the Neurology Clinic appointment

Generalized
Neuroimaging is not necessary before EEG is obtained

Provider Education Video

Conversations about new seizures can be challenging. This 5-minute video demonstrates effective communication with families

Anticipatory Guidance

- Explain risk of recurrence
- Educate on seizure first aid and management plan
- Discuss age-appropriate seizure precautions
- Provide follow-up plan
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

Discharge

- Call Neurology if there are questions or concerns
- Place referral for non-urgent Neurology Clinic follow-up appointment (*EEG will be ordered at that time*)
- Provider Education Video
- Provide anticipatory guidance
- Prescribe rescue medication, refer to the medication table and use the Discharge Seizure Rescue Medications Pathway power plan