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# Vulnerability to injury during seizure activity Febrile seizure care

Child Health Nursing | Focused diagnosis-based template

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## Clinical assessment

Subjective: Caregiver describes shaking during a febrile illness and is frightened.

Objective findings and required checks: Child is recovering; seizure duration, consciousness and infection features need assessment.

Physical examination and investigations: Record seizure features, glucose when indicated, neurological recovery and assessment of the fever source.

Supply actual values, units, timing and trends during supervised application. Do not invent missing clinical data.

## Clinical focus and pathophysiology

Febrile seizure care: Fever-associated seizures can occur in susceptible young children; other causes must be considered clinically.

## Medical / surgical management

Protect from injury, assess airway and recovery, and arrange pediatric review using the seizure pathway.



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## Illustrative drug and treatment study

| Medicine / treatment | Purpose | Nursing checks |
|---|---|---|
| Prescribed fever-relief medicine | Improve comfort when appropriate | Verify weight-based prescription |
| prescribed rescue anticonvulsant | Treat qualifying prolonged seizures | Use only the authorized emergency plan. |

Treatment examples are not a prescription. Verify the authorized product, dose, route, timing, contraindications and current local product information.



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# Focused nursing-problem template

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Context task: Establish the immediate clinical priorities and verify the baseline before assuming a diagnosis.

Set individualized measurable targets and an exact review time. Select actual or risk statements only when supported by assessment.

| Assessment: subjective / objective | Nursing diagnosis: original problem wording | Short- and longer-term goals | Nursing interventions with rationale | Evaluation |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ask: Ask about warning symptoms, seizure history and prescribed treatment. Assess: Observe consciousness, seizure features, duration and recovery. | Vulnerability to injury during seizure activity. Possible factors: altered neurological activity or the underlying condition. Validate against the patient's assessment. | Short-term: At the next patient-specific reassessment: The patient is protected from avoidable injury and urgent prolonged activity is escalated. Longer-term: Before the clinically approved transition or agreed follow-up: Patient or caregiver explains the individualized seizure first-aid and follow-up plan. | 1. Time and describe seizure activity and call for urgent help according to protocol. Rationale: Duration and recovery help identify an emergency. 2. Protect from nearby hazards, avoid restraint and place nothing in the mouth. Rationale: These actions reduce avoidable trauma and airway obstruction. 3. Support airway assessment, appropriate recovery positioning and prescribed emergency care. Rationale: Breathing and circulation may be compromised during or after a seizure. 4. Protect from injury, assess airway and recovery, and arrange pediatric review using the seizure pathway. Rationale: Fever-associated seizures can occur in susceptible young children; other causes must be considered clinically. The condition-specific plan addresses the underlying problem while response is monitored. | Record the baseline and reassessed finding, the time and whether this goal is met, partly met or not met. If not met, reassess causes and revise or escalate. Do not record an unobserved improvement. |



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## Apply this template

Complete with verified data: assessment cues; supported actual problem or risk; measurable outcome and review time; selected authorized interventions and rationale; observed response and next action.

Subjective / objective cues: _____

Patient-specific target and review time: _____

Evaluation evidence and next action: _____



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## Health education and continuing care

Teach safe seizure first aid; fever medicines improve comfort but do not reliably prevent another febrile seizure.

Transition only after clinical readiness is confirmed. Reconcile medicines, check access and caregiver support, and document who will review the patient and when.

## Urgent warning signs

**Prolonged or repeated seizure, persistent reduced consciousness, neck stiffness or breathing difficulty needs emergency assessment.**

## Evaluation and conclusion

For each goal, document met, partly met or not met using observed evidence and the review time. Reassess and revise if progress is inadequate. Individual assessment, prioritized care and coordinated review guide this topic.

## Quick Revision

- Fever-associated seizures can occur in susceptible young children; other causes must be considered clinically.
- Priority concerns: Vulnerability to injury during seizure activity.
- Prolonged or repeated seizure, persistent reduced consciousness, neck stiffness or breathing difficulty needs emergency assessment.
- Teach safe seizure first aid; fever medicines improve comfort but do not reliably prevent another febrile seizure.

**Exam / viva: What assessment evidence supports this problem, and what measurable result would demonstrate improvement?**

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