



Policy & Procedure Manual

SEIZURE RECORD – DIAGNOSTIC – R-II-4

POLICY:

For each possible seizure observed, staff will document what they observe on the appropriate forms/casebook.

PURPOSE:

To provide all information related to each possible seizure.

To provide a record of the client's seizures in a chart form.

PROCEDURE:

1. For each seizure observed, complete the Seizure Record – Diagnostic sheet (See Appendix A for an example) which is found in the Seizure Record Section of each casebook along with the Definition of Terms Sheet (see Appendix B)
2. The Definition of Terms sheet is an explanation of the terms used for the Seizure Record – Diagnostic.
3. Also complete the Seizure Record – Summary Sheet (see Appendix C) which is found in the Seizure Record section of each casebook. Use a ✓ mark for each seizure in the appropriate box to indicate the month and date.
4. Document your observations in the client's casebook.
5. The completed records can be taken to the Physician for review, if necessary.

RECOMMENDED BY: Director, Personal Support Services

APPENDICES: 3

OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY: Administration, Personal Support Services
Administration, Personal Support Services

ORIGINAL POLICY DATE: February 2003

AUTHORIZED BY: Executive Director

SIGNATURE:

OPTIONS northwest		CASEBOOK #:
SEIZURE RECORD - DIAGNOSTIC		CLIENT NAME:
DATE/TIME		
AREA/LOCATION WHERE SEIZURE OCCURRED		
AWAKE OR ASLEEP		
AURA ⁱ		
COLOUR CHANGES ⁱⁱ - PART AFFECTED BEFORE OR DURING SEIZURE		
DOES HEAD OR EYES TURN TO ONE SIDE AT START OF SEIZURE (Rt. OR Lt.)		
FALL ? ⁱⁱⁱ GRADUAL OR FORCEFUL		
TONIC SPASM WITH DURATION ^{iv} (SUSTAINED CONTRACTIONS)		
CLONIC SPASM WITH DURATION ^v (RHYTHMIC CONTRACTIONS)		
HYPOTONICITY ^{vi} (FLOPPY)		
UNCONSCIOUS ^{vii} TOTAL OR PARTIAL LENGTH OF TIME		
DISCHARGE OF URINE OR FAECES		
PUPILS DILATED OR CONTRACTED REACTION TO LIGHT		
INJURY DURING SEIZURE		

CASEBOOK #: _____

CLIENT: _____

DATE/TIME				
FOCAL SEIZURE ^{viii} - DESCRIBE				
MYOCLONIC JERKS ^{ix} OR HEAD NODDING SINGLE OR IN SERIES				
PSYCHOMOTOR ^x - EPIGASTRIC SENSATION, HALLUCINATION, DISTURBANCE OF MEMORY, DREAMY STATE, AUTOMATISM (WITHOUT CONSCIOUS VOLITION), DISTURBANCE OF EMOTION. LENGTH OF TIME OF THESE SYMPTOMS				
DURATION OF SEIZURE				
TIME AFTER SEIZURE TILL CLIENT RETURNS TO NORMAL				
TERMINAL - DROWSINESS, CONFUSION, HEADACHE, SLEEP & LENGTH OF TIME				
ABSENCE ATTACKS ^{xi}				
ANY OTHER SIGNS - BREATHING DISTRESS, STERTOROUS BREATHING, EMESIS				
REMARKS				
SIGNATURE/STATUS OF OBSERVER				
PHYSICIAN'S COMMENTS & SIGNATURE				

- A .A A warning that client experience prior to a seizure. Client may cry out, reach for support or run to a staff member.
- 1 COLOUR CHANGES Client may appear white (pallor) or blue (cyanosed).
- 1 FALL If a fall does occur indicate whether it was a gradual slump to the ground (atonic) or an abrupt violent, forceful fall (akinetic). Note akinetic clients should wear protective helmets.
- 1 TONIC SPASM A sustained contraction of the limbs so that they appear rigid. If the back and neck are involved they will be arched and extended, Teeth and jaw may be clenched tightly and there usually is cyanosis.
- 1 CLONIC SPASM A rhythmic contraction causing jerking body movements with stiffness between spasms.
- 1 HYPOTONICITY A seizure with loss of muscle tone so that client appears like a rag doll. May have occasional jerky motions
- 1 UNCONSCIOUS An unconscious client will not respond to painful stimuli or any verbal commands.
- 1 FOCAL MOTOR Describe body part involved in seizure. Usually one part of the body or part of one side (i.e.: face or arm only) or it may shift from side to side.
- 1 MYOCLONIC JERKS Momentary split second flexion movements singly or in series of arms and/or head and legs. Observe the total number of jerks and total duration of the seizure
- 1 PSYCHOMOTOR Seizures are difficult to describe but may appear as peculiar behaviour listed. If you observe a repetitive behaviour pattern describe as best as possible.
- HALLUCINATIONS Auditory hearing or unreal sounds
Gustatory a hallucination of taste
Olfactory a hallucination of smell
Visual a sensation of seeing not stimulated by actual presence of object seen
- MEMORY Changes in Mental faculty by which sensations, impressions and ideas are recalled.
- DISTURBANCE A state (condition) of defective consciousness in which the environment is imperfectly perceived.
- DREAMY STATE The performance of non-reflex acts without conscious volition.
- AUTOMATISM
- DISTURBANCE OF EMOTIONS Changes in "state of mental excitement characterized by alteration of feeling tone"
- 1 ABSENCE ATTACKS A transient lack of attention without loss of consciousness. May have slight twitching, kicking or shuffling of feet.

OPTIONS northwest

SEIZURE RECORD SUMMARY

YEAR: _____

CASEBOOK #: _____

CLIENT NAME: _____

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APPENDIX C

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