# **Seizure Information**



Safety Precautions for Patients and Support Persons

#### Go to your nearest Emergency Department if you have any of the following:

- seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes
- multiple seizures without getting better in between
- seizure and a fever
- seizure causes another injury (example: patient fell and hit their head during seizure)

### Call your family doctor or Neurologist if you have any of the following:

- an increase in number of seizures or the seizure is different than previous seizures
- any medication concerns or changes

For 24 hour professional health advice and information, call:



# Factors that may increase risk of a seizure

- lack of sleep or fatigue
- poor diet or low blood sugar
- stress
- drinking alcohol or using recreational drugs
- illness or fever
- hormonal changes (menstruation or pregnancy)
- not taking anti-seizure medication
- flashing lights or patterns.

## Pre-seizure safety precautions

- stay away from heights, ladders, and ledges to decrease risk of falls
- wear a medical alert bracelet
- use handrails on stairs
- wear supportive footwear
- ensure environment is free of clutter
- exercise in moderation
- keep a seizure log to record when and where seizures occur—write down what body parts are moving, possible triggers, and length of seizure

## If you witness a seizure

- remain calm, stay with the patient and call for help
- if possible, turn the patient on their side
- do not try to stop patient from moving (do not restrain)
- clear the area to prevent injury
- do not place anything in their mouth
- make note of the time and how long the seizure lasts



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