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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](#)
- Recent history of head trauma

Provoked Seizure

- Electrolyte imbalance
- Toxic ingestion or recent medication changes
- Concern for non-accidental trauma, see [Child Physical Abuse Clinical Pathway](#)
- 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

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](#)

