

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Nursing	SUBJECT: Seizure Protocol	SECTION: S
DATE: August 1999	Administrator: _____ <i>J. M.</i>	POLICY: 1
REVISION DATES: October 2004	Director of Care: _____ <i>Cheryl Allick</i>	

SEIZURE PROTOCOL

POLICY:

Residents who have a history of seizure activity will be identified on the Care Plan and the transfer/update sheet.

OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure the safety of residents

PROCEDURE:

Staff will be alerted to seizure protocol for specific resident by identification on the Care Plan. As well, any history of an aura will be stated on the Care Plan.

PRECAUTIONS & ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A SEIZURE:

1. Turn on side, remove excess fluid from around mouth/nose (external only) and monitor condition. Keep resident safe from any injuries.
2. Contact the Physician to update on the resident's condition and await further direction. If unable to make contact with the Physician and the resident remains unstable, send to LDMH ER by ambulance as required and treat situation as life threatening and ensure the Physician is made aware of the resident's transfer to hospital.
3. Keep resident nothing by mouth until after a physician has seen them.
4. If resident is a known diabetic, do a stat glucometer after the seizure activity has subsided.
5. Registered Staff will complete an assessment of the resident and obtain a current set of vitals. Ensure to document all findings in the multidisciplinary nursing notes.
6. Notify the resident's family of the resident's condition and update as needed.