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**SEIZURES**

- I. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- II. PURPOSE: To serve as a patient treatment standard for EMTs and Paramedics within their scope of practice.
- III. PROTOCOL: An actively seizing patient who has been seizing for more than 10 minutes, or an actively seizing patient with recurrent seizures, with no reawakening in between seizures is defined as Status Epilepticus.

Seizures from any cause are managed similarly, including those caused by epilepsy, infection, fever, intoxication, poisoning, or eclampsia.

<b>STANDING ORDERS</b>	
<b>ASSESS</b>	CAB
<b>OXYGEN</b>	Oxygen delivery as appropriate
<b>MONITOR</b>	Treat rhythm as appropriate.
<b>IV ACCESS</b>	TKO
<b>POSITION</b>	Place on left side.
<b>ACCUCHECK</b>	Test for glucose
<b>DEXTROSE</b>	25 gms IV push – if blood glucose less than 60 mg/dl. May repeat once. Recheck blood glucose in 5 minutes after each dose.
<b>GLUCAGON</b>	If no IV access immediately available with blood glucose less than 60 mg/dl, give one (1) unit IM. May repeat once. Recheck blood glucose in 5 minutes after each dose.
<b>NALOXONE</b>	2 mg IN (IV/IM if IN not available), only if respiratory rate less than 10/minute or systolic BP less than 90mmHg AND narcotic overdose is suspected: pinpoint pupils, track marks, drug paraphernalia, history of narcotic use. May repeat ONCE in 3 minutes if inadequate response <b>Narcan must be administered before intubating a symptomatic narcotic overdose</b>
<b>STATUS SEIZURES</b>	
<b>MIDAZOLAM</b>	If suspected Status Epilepticus, then give 2.0 mg initial dose IV/IO push. Titrate in 1 mg increments for seizure control (max. dose: 6 mg). If unable to establish IV/IO access, may give 5 mg IM. May repeat IM injection ONE TIME, if after 10 minutes seizure continues.
<b>BASE PHYSICIAN ORDERS</b>	
<b>RELEASE-AT-SCENE</b>	Competent adults with normal vital signs, blood sugar, and mental status 10 minutes after ALS intervention, may be released if a cause of their condition and its solution has been identified. Refer to Refusal of EMS Service Policy 570.35.