

New Onset Seizure Clinic

Provider information

Goals of the New Onset Seizure Clinic

- To provide rapid evaluation and treatment of pediatric first seizure in patients, including any necessary diagnostic testing.
- To be highly responsive to the needs of emergency room physicians, pediatricians and family physicians.

The following are appropriate patients for referral to the New Onset Seizure Clinic:

- Children ages 4 months through 17 years
- Children evaluated in an emergency department after presenting with a suspected first-time seizure, but who are stable for discharge home with a plan for outpatient evaluation
- Children with a new onset of seizures who have not previously been evaluated by a neurologist.

The following are **not** appropriate patients for referral to the New Onset Seizure Clinic:

- Patients with a known seizure history
- Patients with seizures and residual neurologic deficit or suspected CNS infection, who need to be admitted for urgent neurologic evaluation
- Patients experiencing breakthrough seizures who are already followed by a neurologist



Medical providers

Please provide the patient/patient's guardian with New Onset Seizure Clinic Patient Information Packet (shared by fax from Transfer Center).



Questions

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the neurologist on call by calling the Transfer Center 24/7 at **504.896.6673.**





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There is a concern that your child may have experienced a seizure. Further testing is needed to identify the cause of the seizure and to determine if further treatment is needed.

These tests cannot be done in the Emergency Department. However, the emergency room provider has determined that your child is medically stable and can be discharged home, if you agree to attend the New Onset Seizure Clinic and to follow the instructions below.

New Onset Seizure Clinic at Manning Family Children's

Your child will need an electroencephalogram (EEG) and an evaluation with a pediatric neurology physician. The EEG takes about 1 hour and will be done prior to the visit with the provider.

appointment with a neurology provider.
EEG date/time:
Provider appointment date/time:

The hospital will contact you with an appointment date and time for an EEG and for an

- Please report to the Ambulatory Care Center at Manning Family Children's and proceed to:
 Manning Family Children's Neurosciences Clinic
 200 Henry Clay Ave.
 2nd floor, Piano elevators
 New Orleans, LA 70118
- Be sure to bring the following
 - Current list of your child's medications, including vitamins, supplements, and over the counter medications
 - Results from any recent blood work, EEG, CT or MRI studies
 - Any additional medical records you may have at home
- Questions about appointments
 Please call the Dedicated Provider Referral Department at 504.894.6778



Patient information packet



Precautions for home while waiting for the clinic appointment

- 1. Do not leave your child unattended in a bathtub. There is a risk of drowning during a seizure. Remove the drain stop if your child is showering in a tub. Make sure an adult or older child is in the house when your child is showering.
- 2. Keep the bathroom and bedroom doors unlocked.
- 3. Supervise all children while swimming. Extra caution should be taken, and parents should be within reaching distance of them when in the water.
- 4. Your child should avoid heights. They should not play on high playground equipment or climb trees.
- 5. A protective helmet should always be worn when riding bikes, skateboarding or rollerblading.



If your child has another seizure

- 1. Gently place the child in a safe position. If the child is standing or sitting, help the child to the floor or a soft surface and lay the child on the side.
- 2. Stay with your child. Use a watch to time the length and frequency of the seizure(s).
- 3. Observe your child's behavior and movements.
- 4. Do not put anything in your child's mouth. Yor child cannot swallow his/her tongue.
- 5. Stay with your child until the seizure ends.
- 6. Let your child rest until he/she is fully awake.