

# EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

## INTRATHECAL BACLOFEN THERAPY

Uses a baclofen pump to deliver baclofen directly to the intrathecal space and treat development movement disorders. It is important to monitor for signs and symptoms caused by an abrupt stop or overdose of medication delivery. Baclofen underdosage, or withdrawal, is a potentially life-threatening medical emergency. As an implanted medical device, the baclofen pump requires monitoring for device malfunction or failure and infection. Manufacturer guidelines should be followed for safety restrictions or precautions specific to the device.

### WARNING SIGNS

- Sudden increase in muscle tone
- Increased temperature
- Sweating
- Itching without hives
- Increased heart rate
- Increased blood pressure
- Rapid breathing
- Confusion
- Irritability
- Change in mental status
- Insomnia
- Device alarming

### ESSENTIAL STEPS

1. Do not leave student unattended.
2. Contact the school nurse/health room.
3. If pump alarming and student asymptomatic, notify parent/guardian.
4. If school nurse or parent/guardian unavailable, call 911.

