

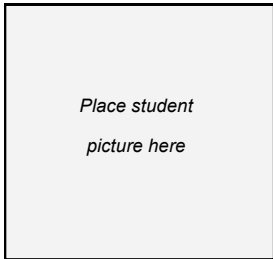
Emergency Plan- Vagus Nerve Stimulator

School Name: _____ School Year: _____

Student name: _____

Provider's Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Medical condition: _____



A vagus nerve stimulator (VNS) is an implantable device use to reduce the number, length and severity of seizures. Regular, mild electric pulses are sent from a surgically implanted device to the brain via the vagus nerve. A doctor will program the VNS device to continuously operate. This means the device will turn on and shut off for programmed time intervals that are adjustable and patient specific. In addition to, the patient also has their own personal control over the VNS allowing them to give extra stimulations regardless of the programmed on/off cycle. The patient can swipe the VNS magnet from mid chest towards the left armpit; proceeding over the implanted device. This “swipe” will add an extra impulse and will help to stop a seizure or decrease the seizure’s length. It can be used at any time during a seizure, though best if used towards the beginning. **Do not hold the magnet over the device – the magnet will turn the device off as long as it is held over the device for at least 6 seconds.**

Student complaints/ observations	Educator Actions	Nursing Action/Intervention
Movement or shifting of device under the skin	1. Notify school nurse/health room.	1. Contact parent.
Seizure continues despite VNS swipe	1. Follow student’s emergency action plan. 2. Follow directives from school nurse.	1. Continue with emergency action plan for seizures 2. Consider PRN emergency medication. 3. Call 911 if seizure > 5 min or per policy.
Continuous hoarseness or throat irritation, choking or difficulty breathing	1. Notify school nurse/health room.	1. Call 911. 2. Notify family.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____