

Managing
STUDENTS
with **SEIZURES**

Module V

Training Teachers
and Other School
Personnel

Learning Objectives: Module V

- Identify the essential elements of seizure training for school personnel
- Locate additional training assistance and resources

Training is Important

- Helps enlist the full cooperation of school personnel
- Optimizes ability to manage seizures and consequences
- Helps insure full integration of the student in school activities
- Minimizes stigma

Goal of Training for School Personnel

School personnel should be able to:

- Recognize seizures and consequences
- Provide appropriate first aid
- Recognize when a seizure is a medical emergency
- Provide appropriate social and academic support
- Understand the Seizure Action Plan

Essential Training Topics

- What is a seizure? What is epilepsy?
- Who has epilepsy?
- What do seizures look like?
- What are common myths about epilepsy?
- What is appropriate first aid for seizures?
- When is a seizure an emergency?
- What causes seizures?

More Essential Training Topics

- What are common seizure triggers?
- What can be done to prevent stigma?
- What is a Seizure Action Plan? How is it best used?

Optional Topics to Consider as Appropriate

- Seizures outside the classroom (playground, field trips, etc.)
- Seizures in a wheelchair
- Seizures on a school bus
- Seizures in the water
- Special issues in treatment:
 - Use of the Ketogenic diet
 - Use of the vagus nerve stimulator magnet
 - Use of rescue medication, including rectal diazepam

