

Ventriculoperitoneal (VP) Shunt Emergency Action Plan

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Teacher(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Phone: _____ Work: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

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Physician: _____ Phone: _____

A ventriculoperitoneal (VP) shunt is a tube that drains extra cerebrospinal fluid from the brain to the abdomen. If the shunt malfunctions or becomes blocked the following symptoms may occur (see table below):

IF YOU SEE THIS:	DO THIS:
<p>URGENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fever ● Headache ● Vomiting ● Decreased appetite ● Dizziness ● Decreased motor skills ● Head injury ● Irritability or agitation ● Fatigue or excessive sleepiness ● Altered level of consciousness ● Swelling along shunt path 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notify school nurse ● School nurse will assess student ● School nurse, administrator or teacher will contact parent
<p>EMERGENCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seizure 	<p>Call 911</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call the school nurse ● Notify parent and administrator ● Stay with student until medical services arrive ● Time the length of seizure ● Keep student safe ● Turn student on side
<p>EMERGENCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unresponsive ● Loss of consciousness 	<p>Call 911</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call the school nurse ● Notify parent and administrator ● Stay with student until medical services arrive ● Initiate CPR/AED if indicated

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

School Nurse signature: _____ Date: _____