

Cache County School District
Vagus Nerve Stimulator (VNS) Protocol

Only staff ANNUALLY trained by A CCSD Nurse can provide the following procedure
ALWAYS FOLLOW THE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED HEALTH CARE PLAN

PROTOCOL
A. Preparation: * Identifies student's ability to participate in procedure * Reviews universal precautions * Identifies where procedure is done * Identifies where Vagus Nerve Stimulator is implanted in student * Identifies possible problems and appropriate actions. (side effects, magnet storage, if stimulator is not working, stopping the VNS)
B. Identifies supplies and gathers equipment 1. Vagus Nerve Stimulator Magnet – This should be kept with or by the student at all times. Only use the magnet provided by the parents. 2. The magnet should be kept at least 10 inches away from other magnets and electronics including computers, cell phones, credit cards, microwaves, etc.
C. Procedure 1. Always follow the Individualized Healthcare Plan instructions related to seizure first aid, swiping the stimulator with magnet, calling the parents/911 2. Follow the Individualized Healthcare Plan instructions for the number of minutes of seizure activity before swiping the magnet over the chest area where the VNS generator is implanted 3. Swipe the magnet completely over the VNS generator—typically located just below the left collarbone—for less than 2 seconds, then remove it immediately. You can track the time by counting "one-one thousand, two." The direction of the swipe does not matter. 4. If the seizure has not lessened or stopped follow Individualized Healthcare Plan for instructions 5. Document procedure in the approved CCSD documentation system