

E23 SEIZURES/CONVULSIONS

KEY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
Is patient still shaking?	YES: Move objects away from the patient DO NOT restrain DO NOT put anything in patient's mouth Loosen tight clothing Check Airway after seizing NO: Check airway and breathing Turn on left side Allow patient to sleep if breathing is normal
Is patient breathing?	Conscious: Position of comfort Unconscious: if not breathing normally start CPR
Is patient pregnant?	Turn on left side, advise responders
If child, is child very hot?	Remove clothing, wipe down with cool, wet towels
History of seizures?	Advise responders

Incident Type	
Seizures/Convulsions - No longer seizing	SEIZ F
Seizures/Convulsions - Still in seizure	SEIZ F

Call back if anything changes

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Causes of seizures:

Brain Tumor
 Cerebral Embolus
 Epilepsy
 Fever
 Genetic Predisposition
 Infection
 Recent/Old Brain injury

Causes of Unconscious state:

Diseases
 Injury (especially head)
 Emotions (fainting)
 Environmental (heat/cold exposure)
 Poisoning
 Cardiac/Respiratory arrest

Classification of Seizures:

Generalized-repetitive muscular activity or spasms
 Partial - limited to one part of one side of the body

NOTE: One seizure may be followed by another