

Status Epilepticus Algorithm

First-hour seizure management framework

Emergency & Resuscitation

PHYSICIAN REFERENCE

0-5 min

- ABCDE, oxygen as needed, bedside glucose, IV/IO access, focused cause search.

5-20 min

- Adequate-dose benzodiazepine is first-line.

20-40 min

- Use an accepted second-line antiseizure medication such as levetiracetam, fosphenytoin/phenytoin, or valproate according to patient factors/local protocol.

Refractory

- ICU, EEG where available, airway control and anesthetic infusion with specialist guidance.

Clinical safety note

Use this as a memory aid, not a prescription. Verify current guidelines, local protocols, contraindications, renal/hepatic dosing, pregnancy status, interactions and patient-specific factors before treatment.