

NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Nursing Guidelines for administering life saving drugs

Diastat Administration:

Each individualized seizure care plan should be written specifically as to when this medication is to be administered and when 911 will be called. Because rectal Diastat (valium) can cause severe cardio collapse, and respiratory depression, **NCS D reserves the right to call 911 at anytime. This statement will be a part of every seizure control plan.**

Off-Label Internasal medication:

Because we are an educational setting and not a medical setting, it will be our policy to not follow physician/health care providers orders to use off-label, internasal medications such as Versed, Ativan or other medications that can cause severe respiratory depression.

Epi-Pen administration:

Epi-pens (Adrenalin) are administered in emergency situations for anaphylactic allergic reactions and adrenalin must be administered. **In all cases of the administration of an Epi-Pen, 911 will be called** to ensure proper equipment such as oxygen is available and advanced care can be provided if needed.

Glucagon:

In the Diabetic care plan it will be decided in writing if Glucagon will be administered at school and/or if 911 will be called in the case of severe hypoglycemia. In the case where glucagon is not available and the child is unconscious, unable, or unwilling to take gel or juice or having seizures **911 will be called.**

Nursing in an Education Setting

It is important for the nurse, principal and community to understand that nursing in an **educational setting** has some limits that may not be common in a health care setting.

The primary limits include:

1. Nurses cannot take photos of any child even if asked by a police officer especially in the context of child abuse. Photographing students is considered gathering evidence and our sole legal obligation is to report not to investigate.
2. Nurses should not remove clothing to visualize any skin surfaces that are not already uncovered unless there is a compelling medical reason.
3. Nurses must use caution in setting boundaries with students and should not give students or their parents' cell phone numbers or home numbers. Do not have children in your home alone for any reason. Do not volunteer to take care of children as a babysitter or caretaker.
4. Do not do any drug abuse assessment without specific direction from your principal/designee or Director of Student Support Services.
5. Always have an administrator be involved in cases that involve suicide threats, or any possible legal complications. When in doubt call the principal on call, Director of Student Support Services, Nursing Coordinator or ANY principal for guidance.