

Based on a thorough assessment, several nursing diagnoses are identified. The more common diagnoses for the child with a seizure disorder are included in the [Nursing Care Plan box](#).

Nursing Care Plan

The Child with Seizures

Case Study

Jacob is a 7-year-old male who was playing during physical education class at school when he suddenly stopped his activity, stared into space, repetitively moved his left arm up and down, and smacked his lips. After approximately 1 minute, he stopped the behavior and was drowsy but responsive to his environment. Jacob had no memory of the event. Jacob was accompanied to the school nurse by his teacher for further assessment.

Assessment

Based on these events, what are the most important subjective and objective data that should be assessed?

Seizure Defining Characteristics

From patient:

Aura

Sensory phenomena that the child can describe during the event (i.e., ability to hear)

Postictal feelings (i.e., confusion, inability to speak, amnesia, headache, sleepiness)

From person who observed the seizure:

Time of onset of seizure

Duration of seizure