

- No postictal state
- May or may not be symmetric
- May or may not include loss of consciousness

## Infantile Spasms

Also called *infantile myoclonus*, *massive spasms*, *hypsarrhythmia*, *salaam episodes*, or *infantile myoclonic spasms*

Most commonly occur during the first 6 to 8 months of life

Twice as common in boys as girls

Numerous seizures during the day without postictal drowsiness or sleep

Poor outlook for normal intelligence

Manifestations:

- Possible series of sudden, brief, symmetric, muscular contractions
- Head flexed, arms extended, and legs drawn up
- Eyes sometimes rolling upward or inward
- May be preceded or followed by a cry or giggling
- May or may not include loss of consciousness
- Sometimes flushing, pallor, or cyanosis

Infants who are able to sit but not stand: