

What are the most appropriate nursing interventions for this diagnosis?

| Nursing Interventions | Rationale |
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| Educate family about characteristics of seizures including aura, seizure activity, and postictal state. | To promote understanding of seizures, including signs of impending seizure and characteristics to monitor during and after seizure |
| Educate family about safety precautions before and during a seizure including side-lying positioning, padding area if needed, and not placing items in mouth or attempting to stop the seizure. | To promote understanding of measures needed to protect child from harm |
| Educate family about Jacob's medication administration including scheduled and as needed (prn) medications and potential side effects of medications. | To promote understanding of medications including monitoring for side effects |
| Arrange for social worker to meet with family to assess emotional and financial needs. Consider consultation with child life specialist to assist with education of school personnel and classmates. | To identify and modify stressors associated with chronic illnesses and to assist with re-entry into school |
| Education family about Jacob's daily care including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have child wear medical identification.• Always swim with a companion.• Shower preferred and bathe only with close supervision.• Use protective helmet and padding during bicycle riding, skateboarding, and in-line skating. | To promote understanding of safety measures for daily life |

Expected Outcomes

Parents verbalize understanding of seizure and status epilepticus and necessary monitoring.

Parents verbalize safety measures for daily living and during seizure activity.

Parents verbalize understanding of medications, including schedule, route, and potential side effects.

Parents verbalize resources available for emotional, financial, and school support as indicated.

The child must be protected from injury during the seizure. Nursing observations made during the event provide valuable information for diagnosis and management of the disorder (see [Emergency Treatment box](#)).