

closing door or curtain.	family and to minimize distress to the family, and other visitors
Perform diagnostic testing as indicated.	To determine the underlying cause of status epilepticus

Expected Outcome

Child will have effective ventilation.

Child's airway will remain patent.

Child will not experience physical injury as a result of seizure activity.

Child's body temperature will remain in acceptable range

Child's blood pressure will remain normal for age

Case Study (Continued)

Jacob's parents are anxious and upset with the seizures. You are concerned that they do not understand what is happening to their son.

Assessment

What are the most important aspects of care to discuss with her parents at this time?

Family's Knowledge of Illness-Defining Characteristics

Understands definition of seizure and status epilepticus

Describes measures implemented to prevent harm during seizure

Describes treatment regimen including rationale for medications

Expresses fears and concerns

Shows appropriate reactions to child's condition

Nursing Diagnosis

Readiness for enhanced knowledge related to parents' interest in Jacob's health status.

Nursing Interventions