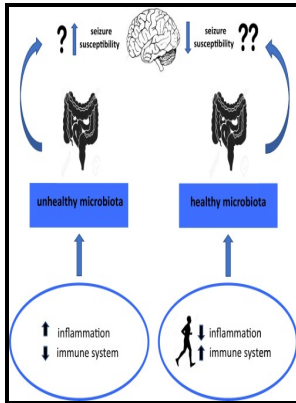


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1 Guidance

The same cause may produce both intellectual disability and epilepsy or, in some cases, epilepsy itself may be responsible for the intellectual disability. Department of Health and Human Services, 2002.

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Breastfeeding for most women and girls taking AEDs is generally safe and should be encouraged. Overall, the incidence of Down syndrome is about one in every 700 to 1,000 live births, with the rate increasing to about one in 35 by the time the mother reaches age 45.

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If the first AED tried is ineffective, offer an alternative from these AEDs. Like tonic—clonic seizures, atonic seizures create a risk for injury.

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