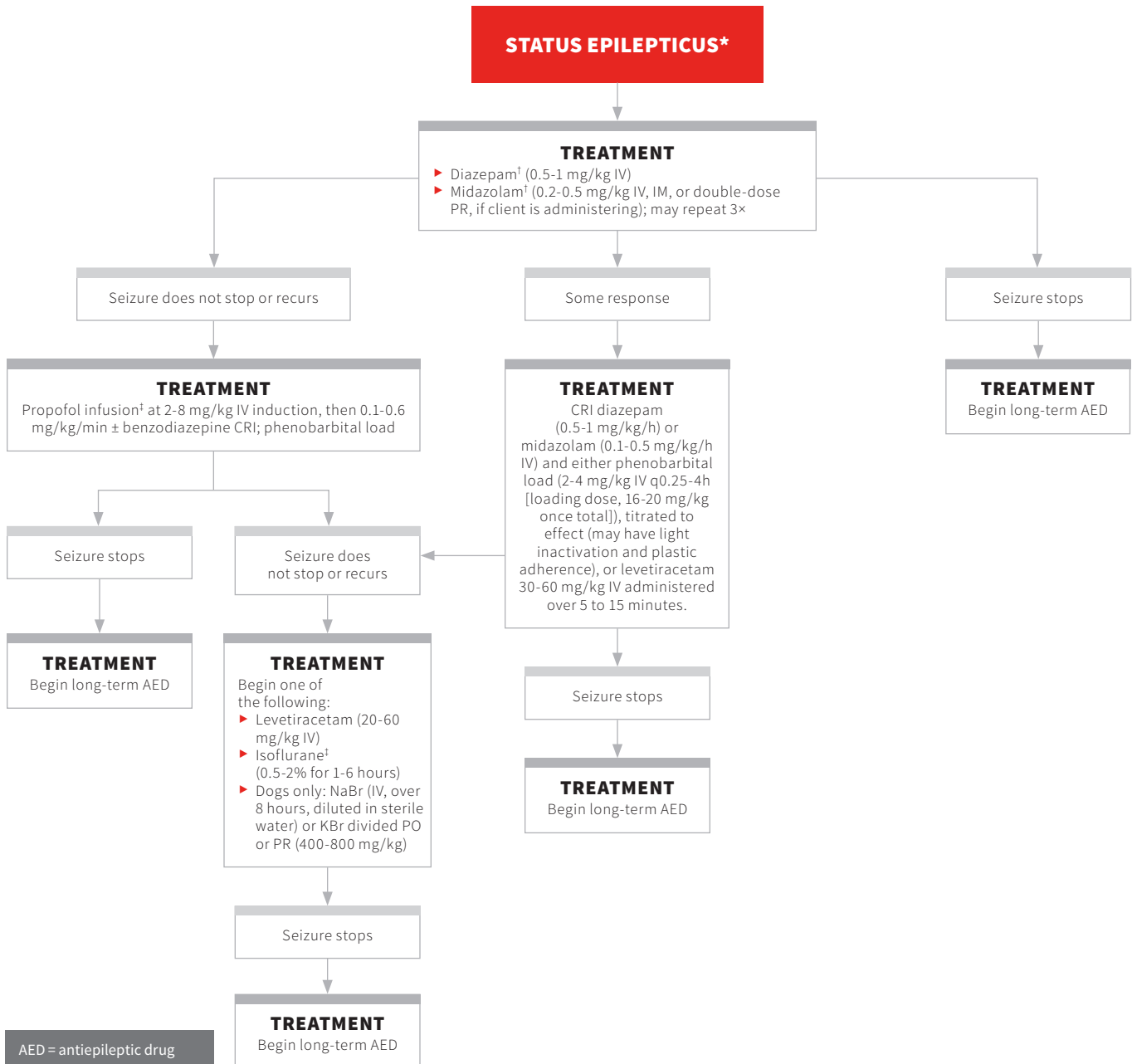


# STATUS EPILEPTICUS: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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AED = antiepileptic drug  
CRI = constant rate infusion  
KBr = potassium bromide  
NaBr = sodium bromide  
PR = per rectum

\*Airway, breathing, and circulatory disturbances should be treated first. Prolonged seizures may result in cerebral edema, necessitating furosemide (1-2 mg/kg IV), 20% mannitol (0.5-1 g/kg, over 15-20 min IV), and/or dexamethasone NaP (0.05-0.3 mg/kg IV). Underlying disease must be treated.

<sup>†</sup>Patients on phenobarbital may require higher doses because of hepatic enzyme induction; blood AED levels should be collected. Patients on phenobarbital may receive a small load of 4 mg/kg IV.

<sup>‡</sup>Endotracheal intubation ± oxygen and ventilation is necessary.