



The College of Emergency Medicine

Clinical Audits

EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Initial management of the fitting child in Emergency Departments Audit 2014/15

Record #	
Patient reference	

You can use this paper version to collect information before entering online at <https://cem.l2s2.com>
DATA MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Q1	Date of arrival (dd/mm/yyyy)	
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Q2	Time of arrival (Use 24 hour clock e.g. 11.23pm = 23:23)	
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Q3	Patient age (enter 1 – 15 or 0 if under 12 months)	
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Please tick only one answer option for each question (or enter time as indicated)

Q4	Patient sex	Male	
		Female	

Q5	Method of arrival	Ambulance	
		Self-presented	
		GP or other HCP referral	

Q6	Was the patient actively fitting on arrival in the ED?	Yes	
		No	

Q6a	If answer to Q6 is YES, was the seizure managed according to APLS or EPLS algorithm?	Yes	
		Partially – some deviation	
		No – serious omissions	

Q7	Was an eyewitness history taken and recorded in the patient's clinical record?	Yes	
		Partially	
		No	

Q8	Was the type of seizure established and recorded in the patient's clinical record?	Simple partial	
		Complex partial	
		Absence	
		Grand mal	
		Other	
		Not recorded	

Q9	Had the patient experienced any previous seizures?	First known seizure	
		Previous episodes – no diagnosis	
		Previous episodes – diagnosis reached	
		Unknown / Not recorded	

Q10	Was the duration of the seizure established and recorded in the patient's clinical record?	Yes - <5 minutes duration	
		Yes - ≥5 minutes duration	
		Not recorded	

Q11	Did the patient present in status epilepticus?	Yes	
		No	
		Not recorded	
Q12	Was the patient's temperature measured as part of an initial assessment and recorded in the patient's clinical record?	Yes	
		Not recorded	
	If the answer to Q12 is 'Yes', what was the patient's temperature?	≥37.8°C	
		<37.8°C	
Enter the time temperature first measured in the ED		Enter time	HH:MM
Q13	Was GCS/AVPU assessment done as part of an initial assessment and recorded in the patient's clinical record?	Yes	
		Not recorded	
	Enter the time GCS/AVPU first assessed in the ED	Enter time	HH:MM
		Time not recorded	
Q14	Was a blood glucose measurement taken as part of an initial assessment and recorded in the patient's clinical record?	Yes	
		Not recorded	
	If the answer to Q14 is 'Yes' was the blood glucose measurement taken in the ED or pre-hospital?	ED	
		Taken pre-hospital	
	Enter the time blood glucose first measured in the ED		Enter time
		Time not recorded	
Q15	If there was evidence of hypoglycaemia, was this this treated appropriately?	Yes	
		No	
		Not applicable	
		Not recorded	
Q16	Was the presumed aetiology recorded in the patient's clinical record?	Febrile convulsion	
		1 st Afebrile seizure	
		Afebrile seizure (aetiology unknown)	
		Trauma	
		Epilepsy	
		Infection	
		Toxicology	
		Metabolic	
Other			
Q16a	If answer to Q16 is 'febrile convulsion', were antipyretics administered?	Yes	
		No	
		Unknown / Not recorded	
Q17	What was the outcome?	Admitted to PICU or HDU	
		Admitted to in-hospital paediatric service	
		CDU or ED observation ward	
		Discharged	
		Patient died	
Q17a	If the patient was discharged, were the patient's parents/carers provided with written safety information?	Yes	
		No	
		Previously provided	
		Not recorded	