

# Pediatric Neurology Emergency Room Consultations

Resident Coverage: child neurology fellow covers emergencies from Friday 4 PM to Monday 8 AM - there is no in-house pediatric neurology coverage

## Suggested pediatric neurology consults

- 1) Status epilepticus (i.e. 2 unprovoked seizures without return to baseline, or continuous seizure activity lasting greater than 15 minutes).
- 2) Idiopathic altered mental status
- 3) Any question of stroke
- 4) First time seizure:
  - if prolonged (> 5 minutes) or recurrent seizures
  - not back to baseline mental status
- 5) Breakthrough seizure
  - advice regarding anticonvulsant dose adjustment
  - not back to baseline mental status
  - recurrent or prolonged seizures
- 6) Status migrainosus
  - unresponsive to aggressive IV hydration and medical therapies including IV valproic acid 20 mg/kg up to 1,000 mg

## Scheduling Options

- A) Patient can be seen in ER in AM by on-call neurology attending 7 days/week
- B) Patient can be scheduled within 1-2 days in neurology clinic

Always do ad hoc referral

In addition, *physicians only* may leave patient info to ensure appt scheduled appropriately on pediatric neurology division voice mail:  
Debbie Roybal, admin assistant: 272-3152, or her supervisor  
Janette Montoya 272-4517

**Pediatric attending always available via PALS**