



Neurology Updates for School Nurses

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Safeguard Privacy / Protected Health Information (PHI)

- In 2019, Mary Bridge Children's updated its policy re: care coordination and communication with School Districts (admin, teachers, school nurses, etc...)
 - A Release of Information (ROI) form that is current and signed by the parent **MUST** be documented in the patient's chart. If this ROI form is not on file, then our MB Neurology team is **not** permitted to return a phone call to a school nurse to **provide or exchange** information or to fax an Emergency Action Plan. This is the responsibility of the parent.
 - We will instead call the family to notify them that the school is requesting information and will defer to their consent/wishes.

Parent Designated Adult (PDA) for Administration of Medication

- CHANGED in 2019: RCW 28A.210.260
 - Rectal route is not included as an optional provision for medication administration.
 - Please review this RCW and verify with your administration on PDA policy/process.
- For more information / resources / training (online and in-person):
 - The Epilepsy Foundation Washington www.epilepsywashington.org offers Community Education and Training Programs that provide awareness of epilepsy-related topics. In a continuous effort to bring knowledge and education to the community about epilepsy, EFWA staff and volunteers conduct large group Epilepsy 101 and Seizure Response trainings. Additionally, specific training programs are available for school personnel, school nurses, first responders (EMT's, Police, Fire) and employers. For further information/ to arrange training sessions, please contact:
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