



## QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING EMERGENCY MEDICATION FOR SEIZURES

**These questions need to be considered when emergency medications are prescribed.**

### Seizures

- 1 Is there a seizure management plan?
- 2 What type of seizures does the person have?
- 3 What do the seizures look like?
- 4 Is there a written description of the seizures?
- 5 How long do the seizures normally last?
- 6 Which type of seizures may need emergency medication?

### Emergency medication

- 7 Is there a written emergency medication procedure in place?
- 8 Is there a written doctor's order for the emergency medication?
- 9 Do you understand the order and when is it to be reviewed?
- 10 Under what circumstances is the emergency medication to be given?
  - What do the seizures have to look like?
  - How long do the seizures have to go for?
- 11 Who decides to give it?
- 12 Who gives it? What happens if that person is not available?
- 13 Who is to be notified?
- 14 How many times can it be given in one day?
- 15 How is the emergency medication to be given (mouth, nose, rectum)?
- 16 What dose of emergency medication is to be given?
- 17 What equipment is needed?
- 18 How and where will the medication and the equipment be stored?
- 19 What will happen after the emergency medication is given?
- 20 What are the possible side-effects?
- 21 When should an ambulance be called?
- 22 Has basic life-support, emergency medication and epilepsy training been completed?
- 23 Is there a requirement to document the action taken?

This information is given to provide accurate, general information about epilepsy. Medical information and knowledge changes rapidly and you should consult your doctor for more detailed information. This is not medical advice and you should not make any medication or treatment changes without consulting your doctor.