



Health Services

Increased Intracranial Pressure/Ventriculoperitoneal Shunt Emergency Care Plan

A Ventriculoperitoneal (VP) Shunt is needed to treat hydrocephalus. Hydrocephalus is the buildup of too much fluid in the brain. The VP shunt drains extra fluid out of the ventricles decreasing pressure on the brain. If the shunt malfunctions or becomes occluded the following symptoms may occur (see table below).

If You See This	Do This
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headache • Irritable/Mood changes • Vomiting • Confusion, slurred speech • Decreased appetite • Loss of balance • Loss of existing skills • Swelling along shunt path • Convulsions/Seizures • Loss of consciousness 	<p><u>Stay with student and keep student calm/quiet</u> Lay student down and reduce stimuli</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call 911 immediately: If the student has any of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inability to look up/Roll eyes upward • Severe Headache • New eye deviation • Severe lethargy • Convulsions/Seizure • Unresponsive/Loss of consciousness 2. Send for School Nurse and state student's name 3. Notify Administration 4. Nurse /Administration will notify Parent/Guardian

An **Emergency Care Plan (ECP)** is a plan that gives specific steps for school staff to take when a student has a medical emergency. The plan contains a short definition of the condition, signs and symptoms of the health condition that are emergent and a written step-by-step instruction that outlines what school staff should do for that emergency. Skyward provides information regarding the student's medical condition and parental/guardian's contact information. Health Conditions and ECPs are to remain confidential. Please keep in a secure location and not out in the open.

- We ask that teachers familiarize themselves with the ECPs that are applicable to students' health condition/s in their class. Ask privately:
 1. If the student uses emergency medication/s
 2. If the student keeps emergency medication/s with them
 3. If the student keeps emergency medication/s in the schools' clinic
- Fill out the Student Health Condition List. Print out as many as needed or one per class period.
- Leave the Student Health Condition List and ECPs pertinent to current health conditions in the substitute teacher folders in a secure location
- Ask the school nurse to meet in order to answer any questions on student's health condition or to provide training on emergency medication/s