

Vagus Nerve Stimulator (≥ PL2)

Clinical Indications:

1. Patient with an implanted Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) device used in the management of seizures and a magnet for increasing stimulation or temporarily disabling the device.

Contraindications:

1. Use of magnet for any other condition other than activating the VNS device.

Notes/Precautions:

1. The patient and/or family should be familiar with the device and are usually able to help manage the patient and device.

Procedure:

1. Assist the patient and/or family in using the device as they have been instructed.
2. In the absence of a known procedure the stimulation may be increased in the presence of a seizure:
 - a. Pass the magnet over the vagal nerve stimulator generator for 1-2 seconds,
 - b. Repeat process in 60 seconds,
 - c. May repeat up to total of 3 times.
3. Transport patient to the appropriate hospital.