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| **Social Work Guide to ESETT** | |
| **RC Contact Information** | Office phone: 734-936-7715  Pager: 33394  On-Call: 781-763-7388 (Please leave name and number)  www.esett.org |
| **Study Purpose** | Most seizures either stop on their own without treatment or stop with initial emergency treatments (medications such as Valium). Seizures that persist even with initial medications are more dangerous. The purpose of this study is to find out which of three commonly used medicines is most effective in patients who have seizures that continue despite initial emergency treatments.  The three medicines are fosphenytoin (also called Cerebyx, similar to Dilantin), levetiracetam (also called Keppra) and valproic acid (also called Depacon or Depakote).  All three medications are regularly used by doctors currently to treat this type of severe seizures but doctors do not know which one works the best. This is the purpose of this study, doctors usually choose one of the three drugs based on their own experience – this study also randomly chooses on of the three drugs to give. No other aspect of routine care was affected by enrollment in the study. |
| **Study Participation** | Someone from the research team will be here shortly to explain more in detail. Continued study participation is completely voluntary. Participation lasts until hospital discharge – no further medications or testing will be required. |
| **Risks** | The medical risks and discomforts of receiving the study medications are similar to the risks of getting standard care. This is because by being in the study and receiving one of the three drugs does not deviate from the standard care you would have otherwise received. |
| **Financial Information** | The study medicines are provided free of charge. You or your health plan will pay for all the things you would have paid for even if you were not in the study, like:   * Health care given during the study as part of your regular care * Items or services needed to give you study drugs or devices * Monitoring for side effects or other problems * Deductibles or co-pays for these items or services.   You will not receive payment for being in the study. |
| **Privacy** | To protect your privacy, the information about you gathered for this study will be coded with a special study number rather than your name (example: “subject #2”). Your name and information that could identify you will be stored separately in a secure study database. Information about you stored in your medical records and in the study database will only be reviewed by those overseeing this project. |