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Classification of status epilepticus .



A definition and classification of status epilepticus – Report of the ILAE Task Force on Classification of Status Epilepticus

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ACNS GUIDELINE

American Clinical Neurophysiology Society's Standardized Critical Care EEG Terminology: 2021 Version

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INTERICTAL EPILEPTIFORM DISCHARGES

Interictal epileptiform discharges aid in the diagnosis of epilepsy and are sometimes the only abnormal finding encountered on routine EEG.

ICTAL DISCHARGES

An epileptic seizure is defined as "a transient occurrence of signs and/or symptoms due to abnormal excessive or synchronous neuronal activity in the brain." According to their clinical and electrographic onsets, seizures are classified as focal, generalized, or unknown

ICTAL PATTERNS

observed EEG changes during seizures. The ictal discharges during seizures do not always consist of repetitive spikes or sharp waves; instead, ictal discharges vary in morphology (eg, sharply contoured or not), frequency, and distribution. Frequently, ictal discharges show evolution patterns with changes in **frequency, amplitude**, **field**, **or morphology** during the course of the seizure



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	Classification of SE											
SE with prominent motor phenomena SE without prominent motor phenomena, nonconvulsive SE												
Tonic-c	Tonic-clonic SE, convulsive SE Myoclonic Focal motor Tonic							Hyperkinetic				
Generalized convulsive	Focal evolvi bilat convuls	teral	Unknown whether focal or generalized	With coma	With- out coma	Repeated focal motor (Jacksonian) SE wit	Epilepsia partialis continua	Adversive status	Oculo- clonic	Ictal paresis, focal inhibitory	vulsive S)Е
Nonconvulsi												
with coma, s SE	subtle	Tunical	Generalized			Mitheut impoir	foca				nknown whether cal or generalized	
		Typical Atypical Myoclonic absence absence			Without impairment of consciousness Aphasic With impaired Aura continue with outconomic consciousness consciousness					Autonomic		

Aura continua, with autonomic, sensory,

visual, olfactory, gustatory, emotional/

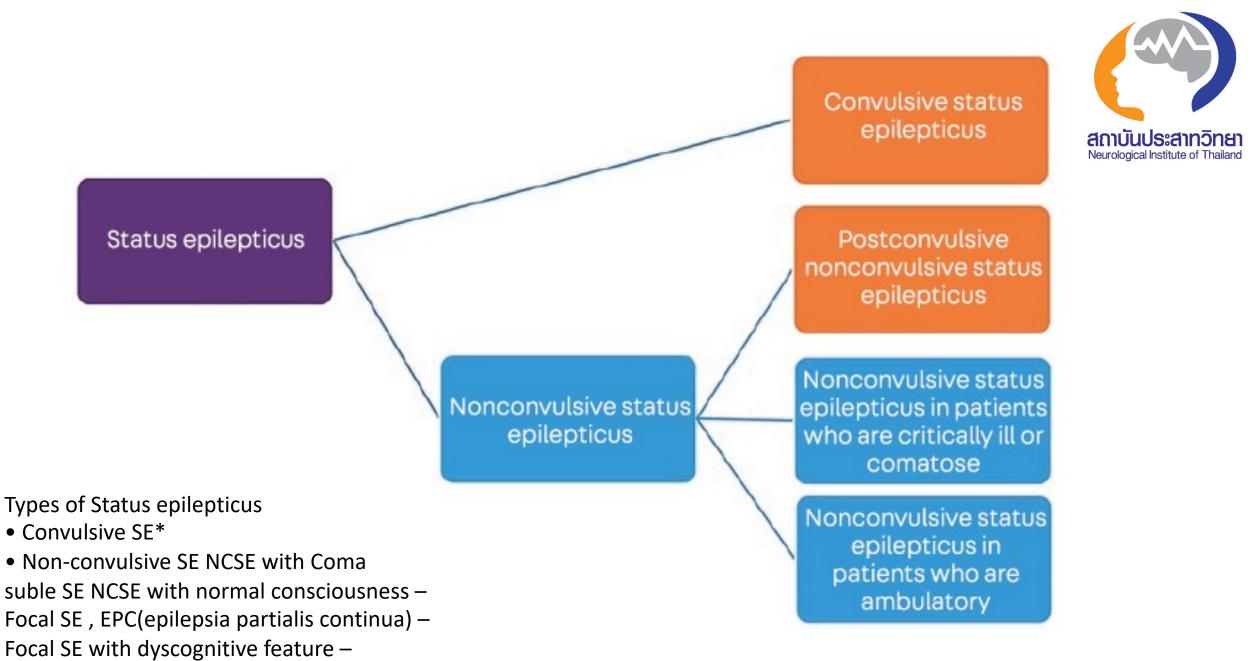
psychic/experiential, or auditory symptoms

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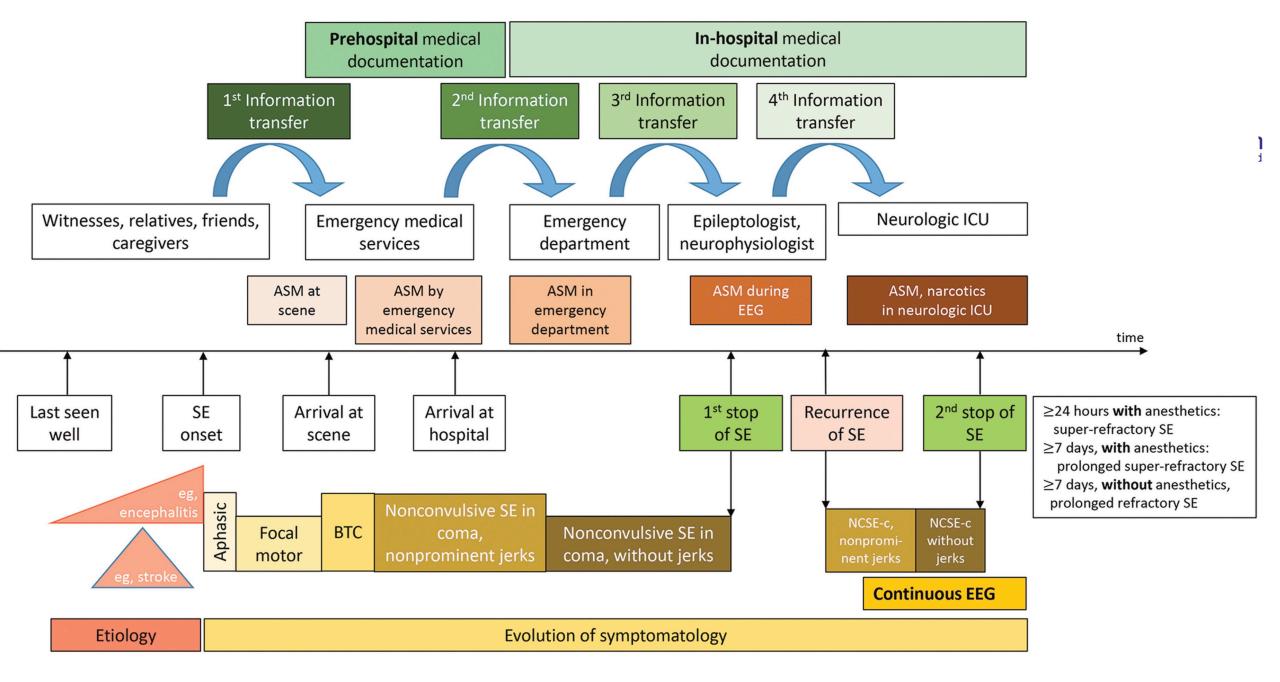


Generalized : Absence Seizure

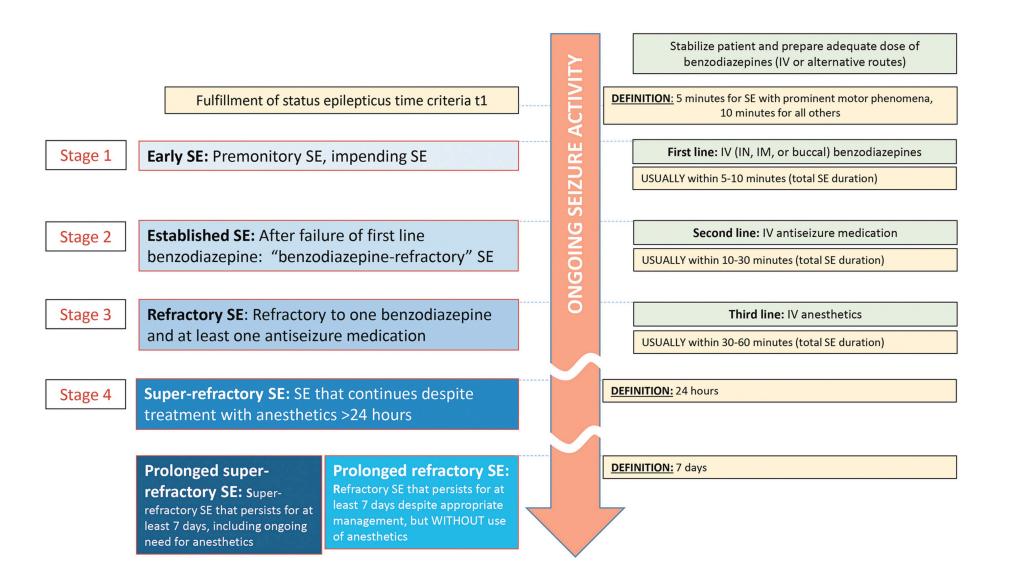
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Table 1. Operational dimensions with t_1 indicating the time that emergency treatment of SE should be started and t_2 indicating the time at which long-term consequences may be expected							
	Operational dimension I Time (t ₁), when a seizure is likely to be prolonged leading to continuous	Operational dimension 2 Time (t ₂), when a seizure may cause long term consequences (including neuronal injury, neuronal death, alteration					
Type of SE Tonic–clonic SE	seizure activity 5 min	of neuronal networks and functional deficits) 30 min					
Focal SE with impaired consciousness	10 min	>60 min					
Absence status epilepticus	10–15 min ^a	Unknown					
^a Evidence for the time frame is curr	ently limited and future data may lead to modifications.						



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Table 5. SE in selected electroclinical syndromes according to age

SE occurring in neonatal and infantile-onset epilepsy syndromes Tonic status (e.g., in Ohtahara syndrome or West syndrome) Myoclonic status in Dravet syndrome

Focal status

Febrile SE

- SE occurring mainly in childhood and adolescence Autonomic SE in early-onset benign childhood occipital epilepsy (Panayiotopoulos syndrome)
 - NCSE in specific childhood epilepsy syndromes and etiologies (e.g., Ring chromosome 20 and other karyotype abnormalities, Angelman syndrome, epilepsy with myoclonic-atonic seizures, other childhood myoclonic encephalopathies; see Appendices I–3)

Tonic status in Lennox-Gastaut syndrome Myoclonic status in progressive myoclonus epilepsies Electrical status epilepticus in slow wave sleep (ESES) Aphasic status in Landau-Kleffner syndrome

SE occurring mainly in adolescence and adulthood Myoclonic status in juvenile myoclonic epilepsy Absence status in juvenile absence epilepsy Myoclonic status in Down syndrome

SE occurring mainly in the elderly

Myoclonic status in Alzheimer's disease

Nonconvulsive status epilepticus in Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

De novo (or relapsing) absence status of later life

These forms of SE may be encountered prevalently in some age groups, but not exclusively.



Table 4. Etiology of status epilepticus

Known (i.e., symptomatic)

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Acute (e.g., stroke, intoxication, malaria, encephalitis, etc.)
Remote (e.g., posttraumatic, postencephalitic, poststroke, etc.)
Progressive (e.g., brain tumor, Lafora's disease and other PMEs, dementias)

SE in defined electroclinical syndromes

Unknown (i.e., cryptogenic)

AXIS 3 : EEG correlates



Currently there are no evidence-based EEG criteria for SE. Based on large descriptive series and consensus panels from 5 papers

terminology to describe EEG patterns in SE:

1 Location: generalized (including bilateral synchronous patterns), lateralized, bilateral independent, multifocal.

2 Name of the pattern: Periodic discharges, rhythmic delta activity or spike-and-wave/sharp-and-wave plus subtypes.

3 Morphology: sharpness, number of phases (e.g., triphasic morphology), absolute and relative amplitude, polarity.

4 **Time-related features:** prevalence, frequency, duration, daily pattern duration and index, onset (sudden vs. gradual), and dynamics (evolving, fluctuating, or static).

5 Modulation: stimulus-induced vs. spontaneous.

6 Effect of intervention (medication) on EEG.



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ACNS Standardized Critical Care EEG Terminology (2012)

- Overview ·

Standardized terminology of periodic and rhythmic EEG patterns in the critically ill has been proposed by the ACNS and is reproduced in outline form below. This terminology is designed for research purposes, not for clinical use. Terms were chosen to avoid clinical connotations and to ensure adequate inter-rater reliability.

The full text of the article: American Clinical Neurophysiology Society's Standardized Critical Care EEG Terminology: 2012 version can be found at the ACNS website, here: http://www.acns.org/pdf/guidelines/Guideline-14.pdf

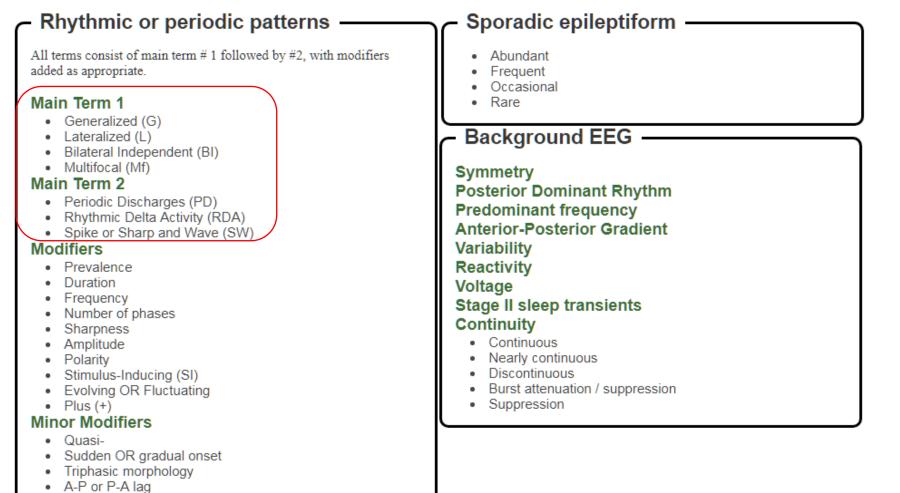




TABLE 1. ACNS Standardized Critical Care EEG Terminology: Major and Minor Changes Between the 2012 and 2021 Versions

Major changes

EEG background

- "Variability" and "Stage II sleep transients (K-complexes and spindles)" now combined under "State changes".
- Cyclic Alternating Pattern of Encephalopathy (CAPE) (new term: Section A7, page 7)
- Identical bursts (new term: Section A4d, page 6)

Rhythmic and Periodic Patterns (RPPs: PDs, RDA and SW)

- Unilateral Independent (UI) (new Main Term 1 option: Section C1d, page 10)
- Lateralized (bilateral asynchronous) (Main Term 1: Section C1b, page 9)
 - Patterns that consistently begin in one hemisphere and propagate to the other hemisphere can now be included as a lateralized (bilateral asynchronous) pattern.

• Frequency

- For PDs and SW, typical frequencies >2.5 Hz can only be applied to RPPs <10 s duration ("very brief" by definition); if PDs or SW have a typical frequency >2.5 Hz and are \geq 10 s these would qualify as electrographic seizures (criterion A) and should be referred to as such rather than as PDs or SW.
- No RPP in this terminology can have a typical frequency of >4 Hz; if a pattern is > 4 Hz and ≥ 0.5 s, it would always meet criteria for either BIRDs (if <10 s) or an electrographic seizure (if ≥ 10 s) (see definitions below). If <0.5 s, this would not qualify as any RPP, but might qualify as a polyspike.

• Evolution

- Evolution of an RPP is now limited to patterns that are ≤ 4 Hz AND ≤ 10 s duration. Any ≥ 4 -Hz RPP with evolution lasting ≤ 10 s would qualify as a definite BIRD (see Section E, page 24). Any RPP with evolution lasting ≥ 10 s meets criterion B of an electrographic seizure and should be coded as such.
- Extreme Delta Brush (EDB) (new term: Section C3i, page 19)

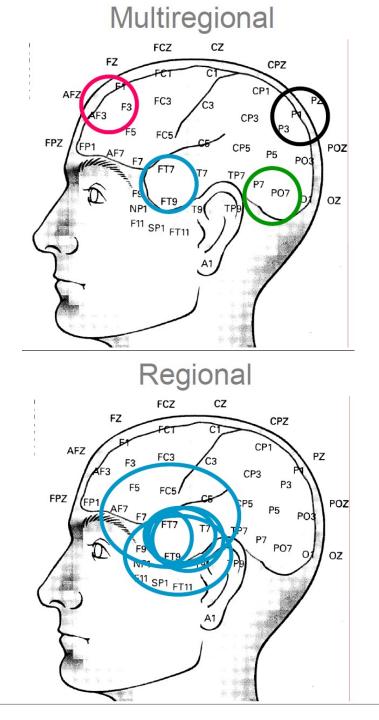
• Stimulus-Terminated (new modifier)

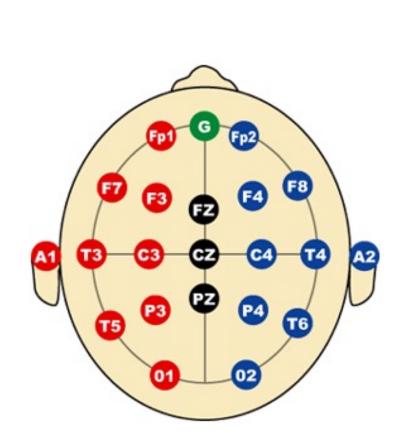
Electrographic and Electroclinical Seizure Activity

- Electrographic seizure (ESz) (new term: Section D1, page 22)
- Electrographic status epilepticus (ESE) (new term: Section D2, page 23)
- Electroclinical seizure (ECSz) (new term: Section D3, page 24)
- Electroclinical status epilepticus (ECSE) (new term: Section D4, page 24)
- Possible electroclinical status epilepticus (new term: Section D4b, page 24)

Brief Potentially Ictal Rhythmic Discharges (BIRDs) (*new term: Section E, page 24*) Ictal-Interictal Continuum (IIC) (*new term: Section F, page 25*)

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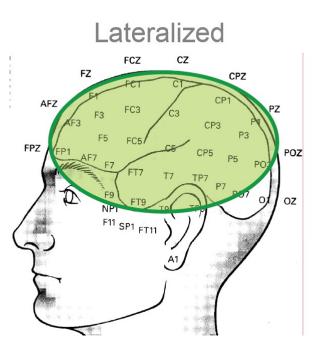




AXIS 3: EEG correlates: Location



Generalized FP1 FP2 F3 F4 F8 F7 C3 C4 T8 P7 P3 P4 P8 O1 O2



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AXIS 3: EEG correlates: Name of the pattern Main Term 2



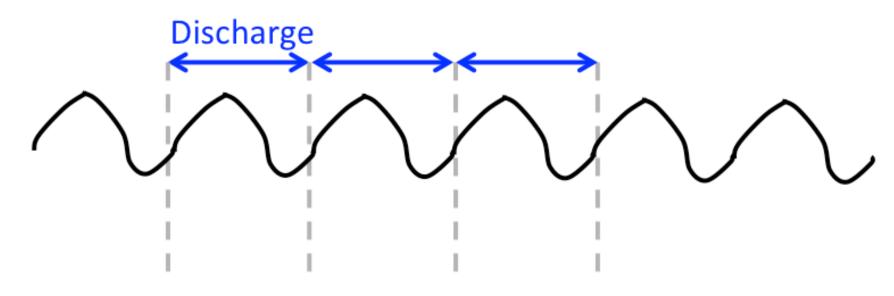
•*Rhythmic* = repetition of a waveform with relatively uniform morphology and duration and without an interval between consecutive waveforms.

Duration of one cycle (the period) should vary by <50% from the duration of the subsequent cycle for the majority (>50%) of cycle pairs to qualify as a rhythmic pattern.

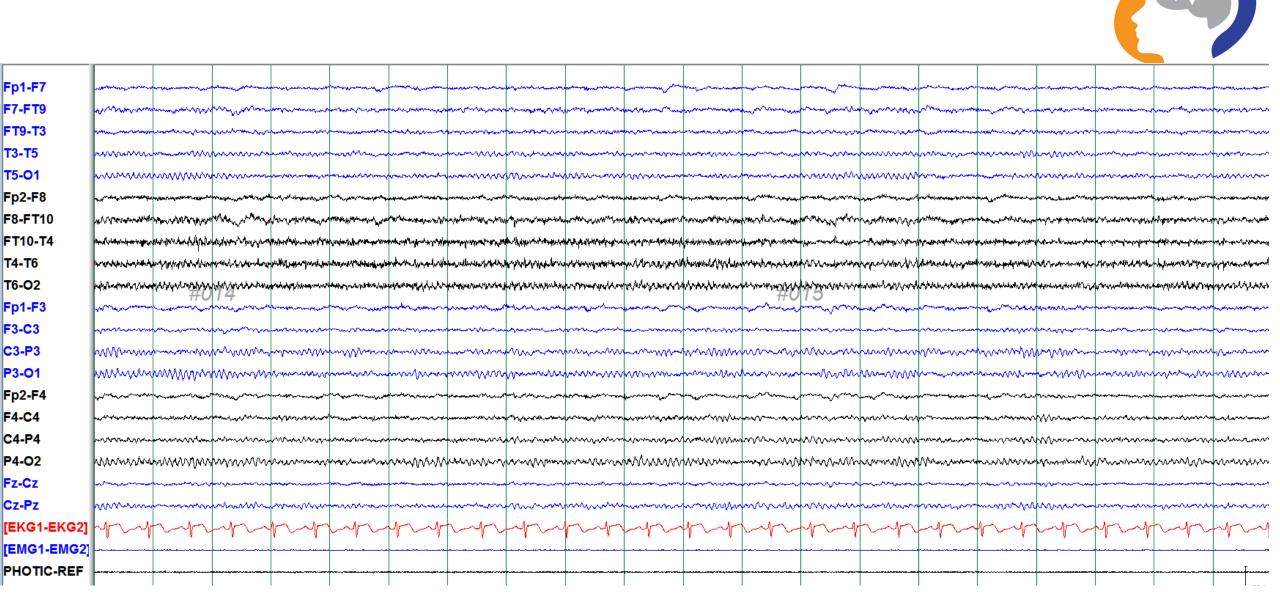
•*Periodic discharges*= repeating waveforms/discharges with (relatively) uniform morphology at nearly regular intervals. Applies *only* to <u>single discharges</u> (must have ≤ 3 phases [i.e. ≤ 2 baseline crossings] <u>or</u> any discharge lasting ≤ 0.5 sec regardless of number of phases) and *not* to <u>bursts</u> (discharges lasting >0.5 sec <u>and</u> having ≥ 4 phases [i.e. ≥ 3 baseline crossings]). "Nearly regular intervals" = cycle length (period) varying by <50% from one cycle to the next in most (>50%) cycle pairs.



Main term: Rhythmic



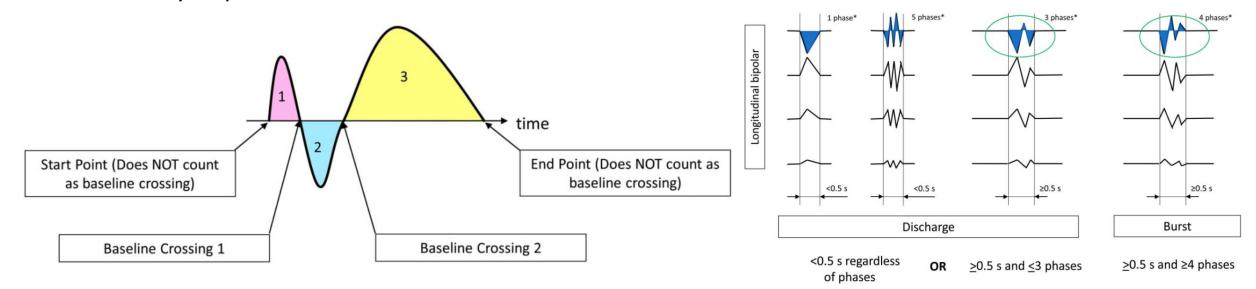
No interdischarge interval



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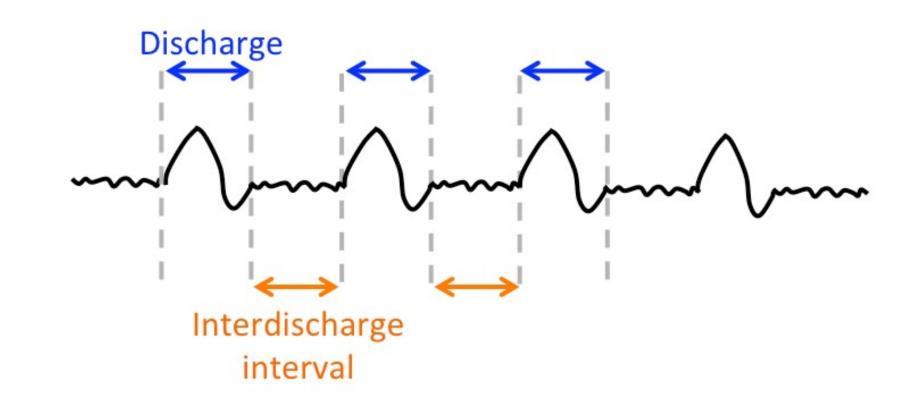


Bursts must be ≤30 s

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Main term : Periodic







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IIC EEG patterns



- Rhythmic delta activity (RDA): LRDA, GRDA
- Periodic discharges (PDs): LPD, GPD, BiPD, MfPD
- Spike or sharp wave discharges (SW)



Table 1

Old and new terms of EEG patterns in the patients with critical illness, modified according to the 2012 version of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society's Standardized Critical Care EEG Terminology [2].

Commonly used terminology	New terminology
Triphasic waves (TWs)	Continuous 2/s GPDs with triphasic morphology
Periodic lateralized epileptiform discharges (PLEDs)	Lateralized periodic discharges (LPDs)
Bilateral periodic epileptiform discharges (BiPLEDs)	Bilateral periodic discharges (BPDs)
Generalized periodic epileptiform discharges (GPEDs)	Generalized periodic discharges (PDs)
Frontal intermittent rhythmic delta activity (FIRDA)	Occasional frontally predominant brief 2/s generalized rhythmic delta activity
Stimulus-induced rhythmic, periodic, or ictal discharges (SIRPIDs) with focal evolving rhythmic delta activity	Stimulus-induced-evolving lateralized rhythmic delta activity (SI-evolving LRDA)
Lateralized seizure, delta frequency range	Evolving lateralized rhythmic delta activity (LRDA)
Semirhythmic delta	Quasi RDA
Coma with lateralized epileptiform discharges (coma-LEDs) [14]	Coma with lateralized periodic discharges (coma-LPDs)
Coma with generalized epileptiform discharges (coma-GEDs)	Coma with generalized periodic discharges (coma-GPDs)



OLD Term		NEW Term
Triphasic waves, most of record	=	continuous 2/s GPDs (with
		triphasic morphology)
PLEDs	=	LPDs
BIPLEDs	=	BIPDs
GPEDs/PEDs	=	GPDs
FIRDA	=	Occasional frontally predominant brief 2/s GRDA
		(if 1-10% of record)
PLEDS+	=	LPDs+
SIRPIDs* w/ focal evolving RDA	=	SI-Evolving LRDA
Lateralized seizure, delta frequency	=	Evolving LRDA
Semirhythmic delta	=	Quasi-RDA

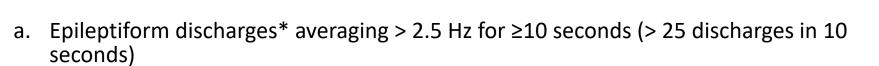
TABLE 1. New Terms for Older Terms

*SIRPIDs = stimulus-induced rhythmic, periodic or ictal discharges.



ELECTROGRAPHIC AND ELECTROCLINICAL SEIZURES

Electrographic Seizures (ESz) based on the Salzburg criteria

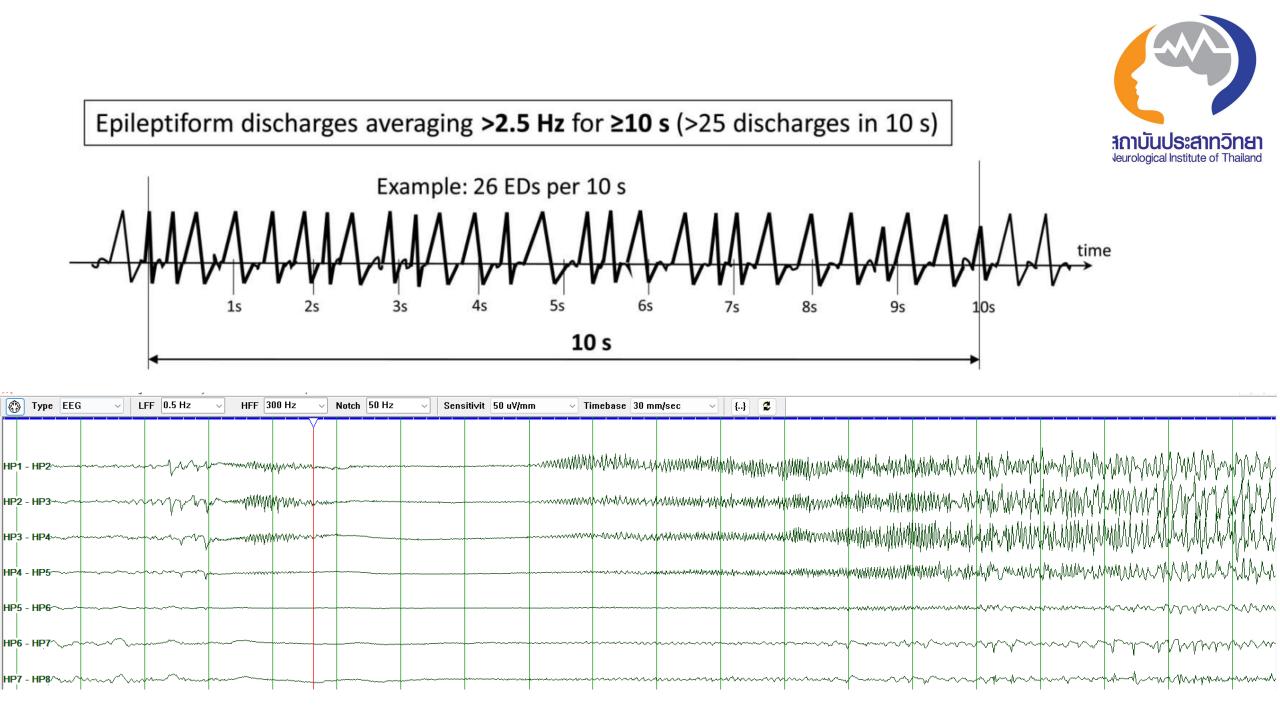


b. Any pattern with definite **evolution** and lasting \geq 10 seconds

Electrographic Status Epilepticus (ESE)

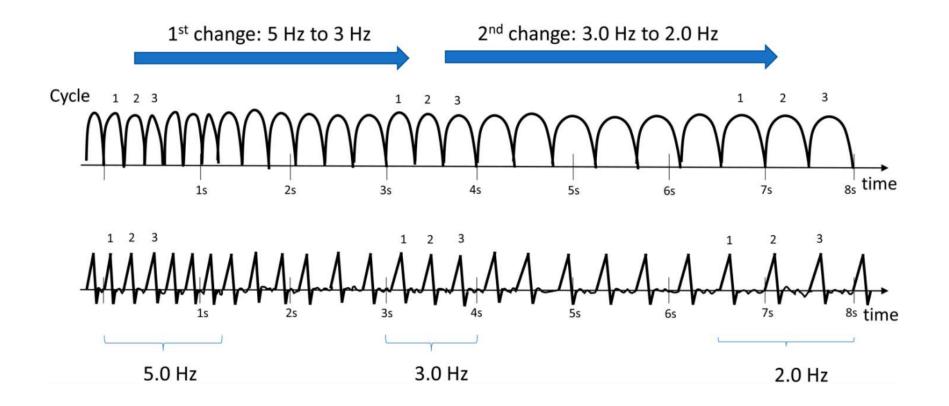
an Electrographic Seizures (Esz) for \geq 10 continuous minutes or for a total duration of \geq 20% of any 60-minute period of recording.





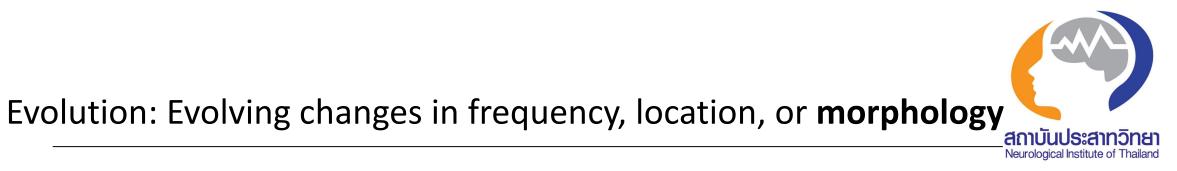


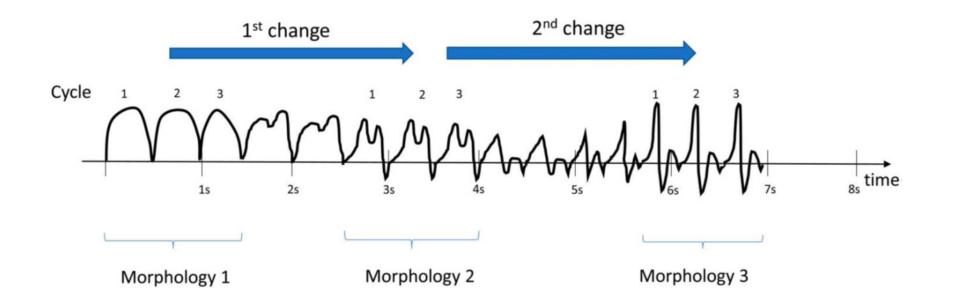
Evolution: Evolving changes in **frequency**, location, or morphology



changes in the same direction by at least 0.5 Hz, e.g., from 2 to 2.5 to 3 Hz, or from 3 to 2 to 1.5 Hz

A single frequency must persist for at least three cycles

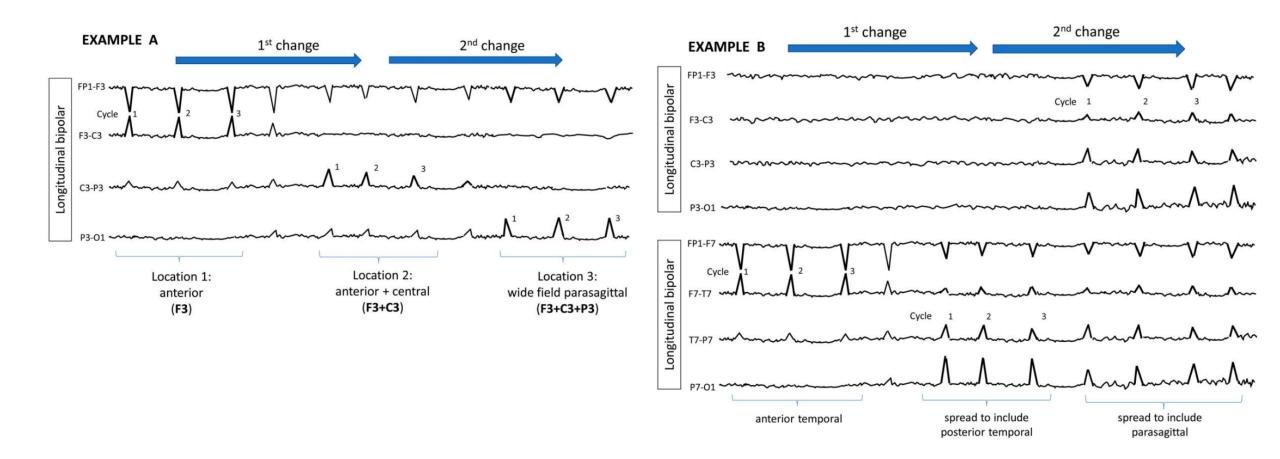






Evolution: Evolving changes in frequency, location, or morphology

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- Definite clinical correlate* time-locked to the pattern (of any duration)
- EEG AND clinical improvement with a parenteral (typically IV) antiseizure medication

Electroclinical Status Epilepticus (ECSE)

an electroclinical seizure for ≥ 10 continuous minutes or for a total duration of $\geq 20\%$ of any 60-minute period of recording.

6 Effect of intervention (medication)

EEG patterns and their correlation with NCS/NCSE



EEG patterns	Do NOT reflect NCSE <u>NOT TREATED</u>	Reflect NCSE Should be <u>TREATED</u>	BORDERLINE Of NCSE in coma One additional criteria is needed to diagnose NCSE
 Classical coma patterm Diffuse polymorphic delta activity Spindle coma Alpha/theta coma Low votage Burst suppression 	× × × × ×		
 Ictal patterns with typical spatiotemporal evolution Epileptiform discharges > 2.5 Hz in comatose patients 		×	
 GPDs or LPDs < 2.5 Hz Rhythmic discharges (RDs) > 0.5 Hz 			× ×

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EEG Diagnosis of NCSE



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Patients without known epileptic encephalopathy



-Epileptiform Discharges > 2.5 Hz

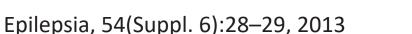
-Epileptiform Discharges ≤ 2.5 Hz or rhythmic delta/theta activity (>0.5 Hz) AND one of the following:

- EEG and clinical improvement after IV AED
- Subtle clinical ictal phenomena during the EEG patterns mentioned
- Typical **spatiotemporal evolution**

Patients with known epileptic encephalopathy

West, Landau/Kleffner, Otahara, Early Myoclonic infancy, Dravet, Lennox-Gastaut, Doose)

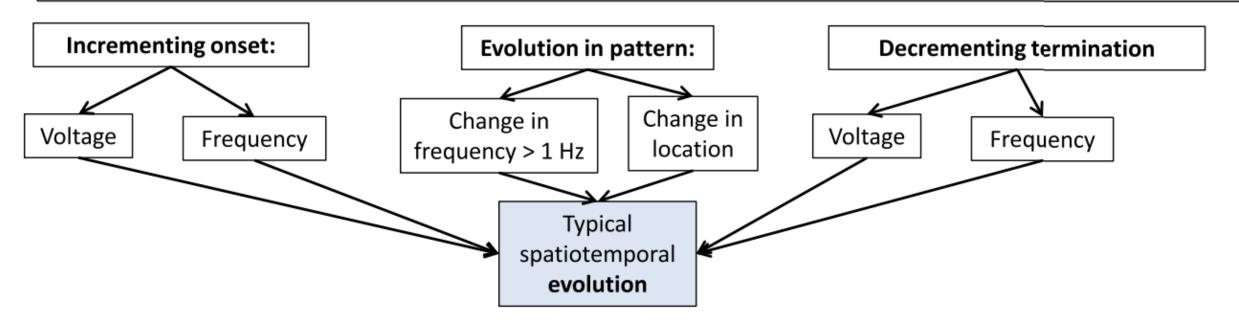
- Increase in prominence or frequency of the features mentioned above, when compared to baseline with observable change in clinical state
- Improvement of clinical and EEG features with IV AEDs
- -Epileptiform Discharges > 2.5 Hz
- -Epileptiform Discharges ≤ 2.5 Hz or rhythmic delta/theta activity (>0.5 Hz)



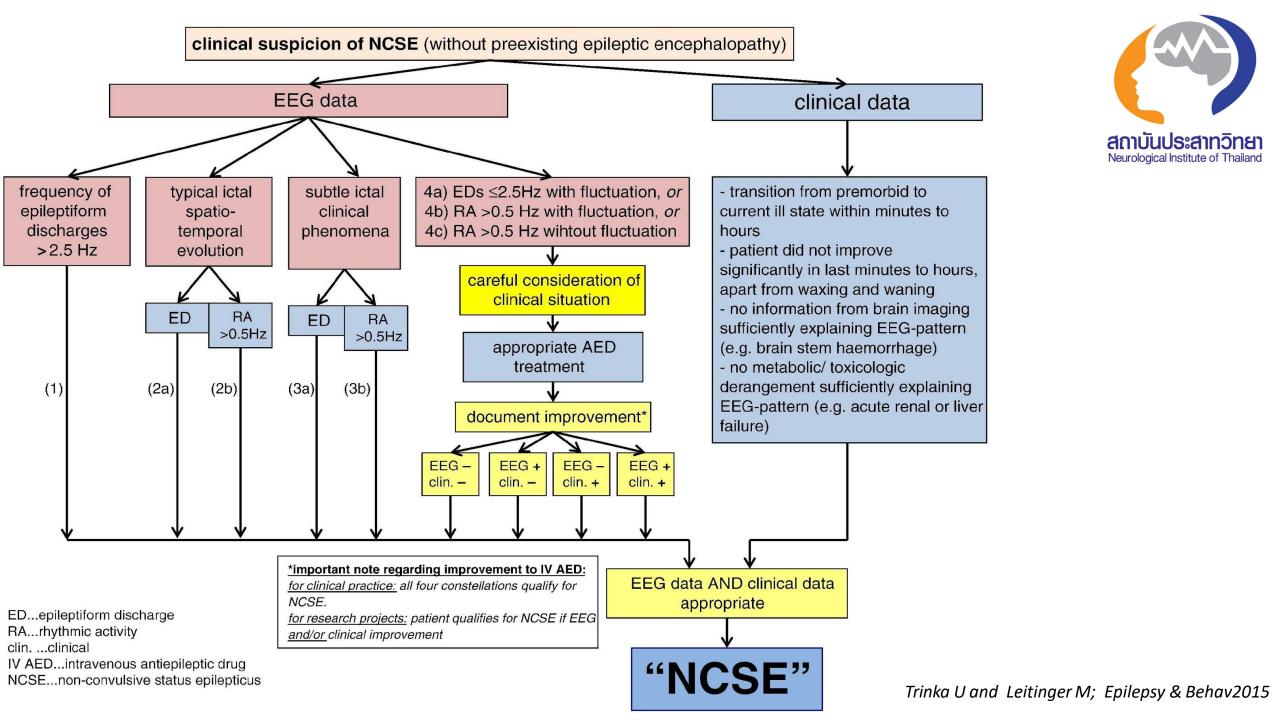


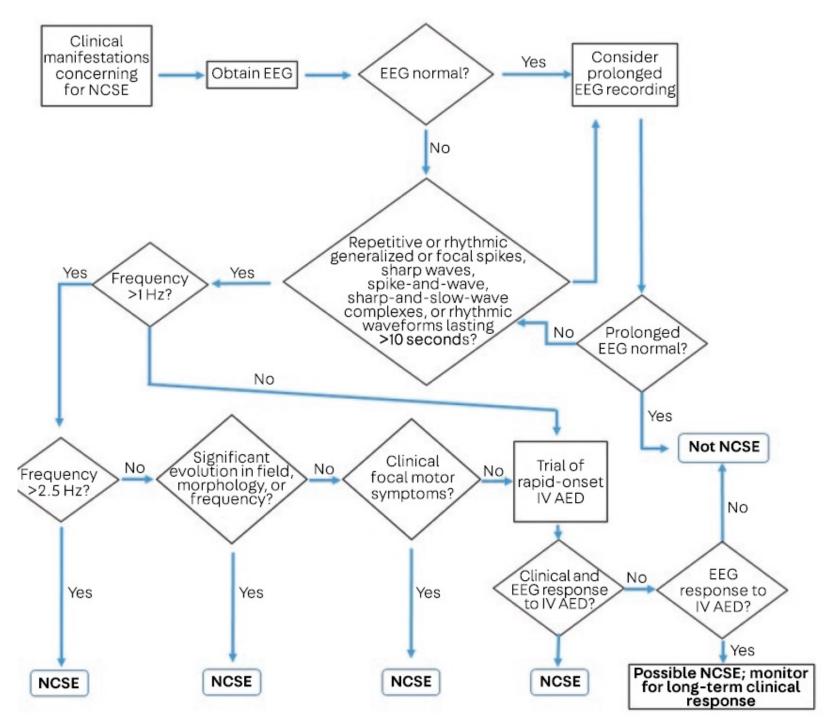


EEG: typical ictal spatiotemporal evolution



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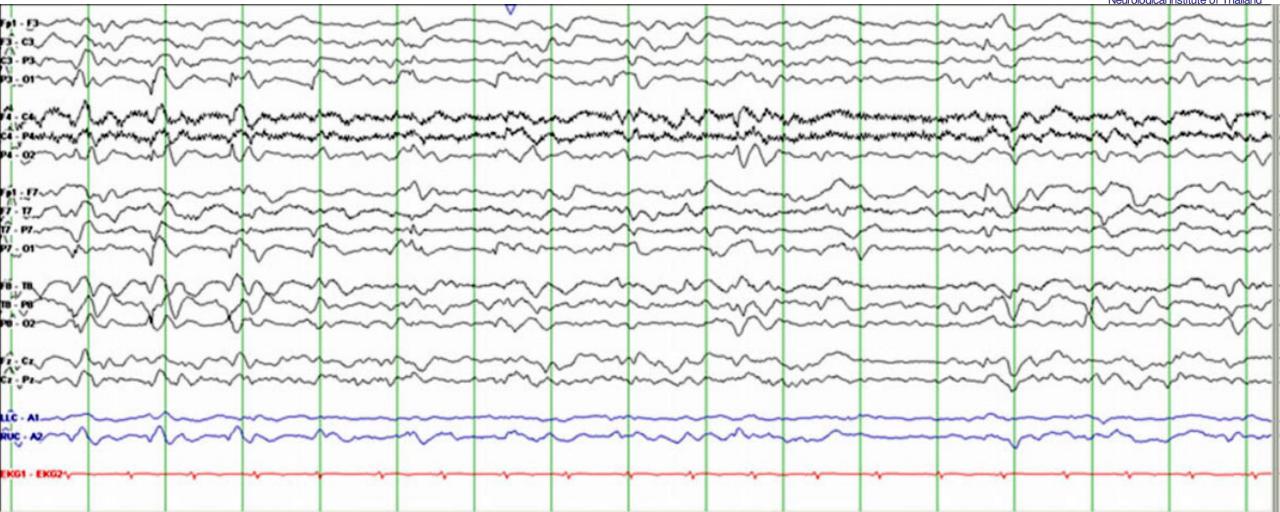




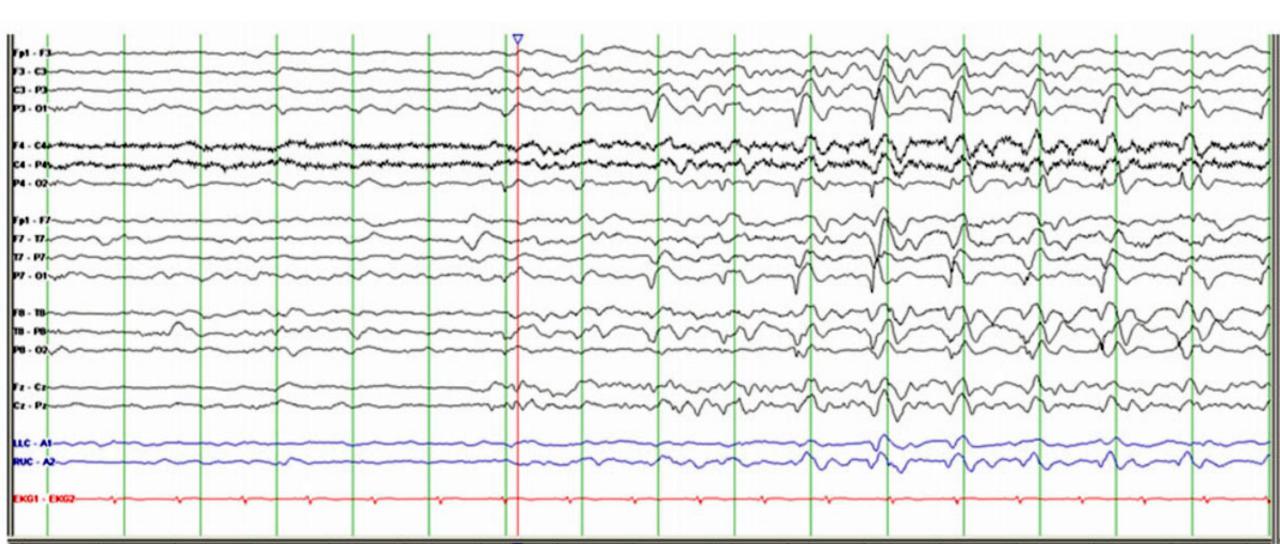


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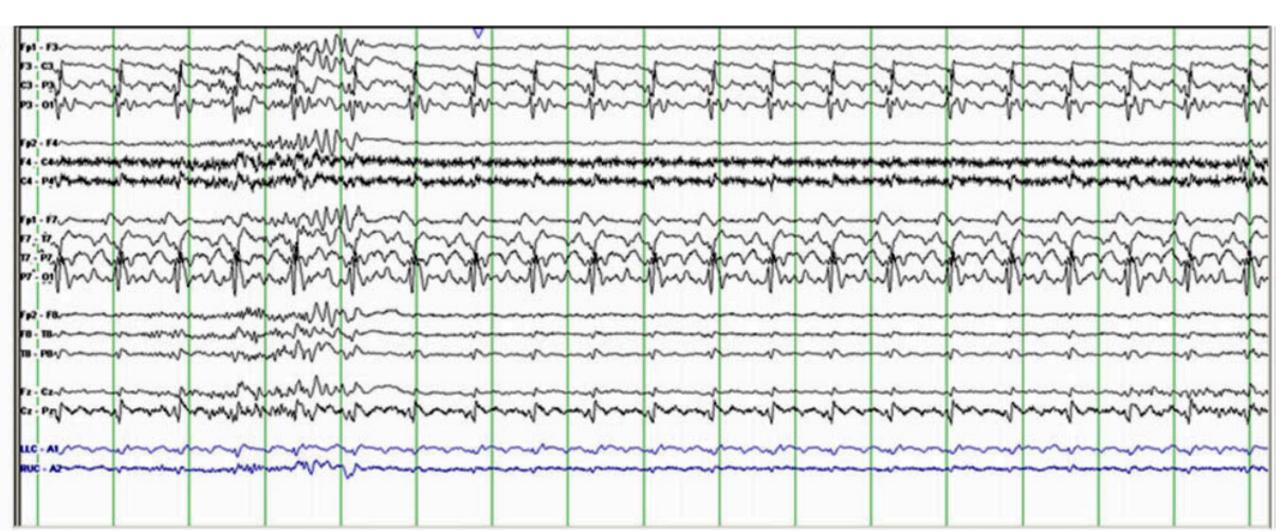








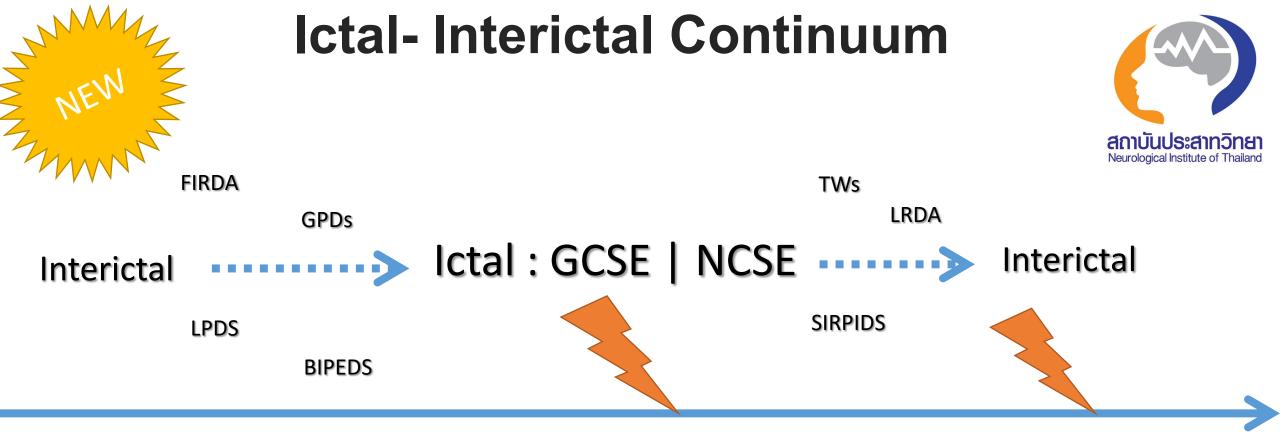






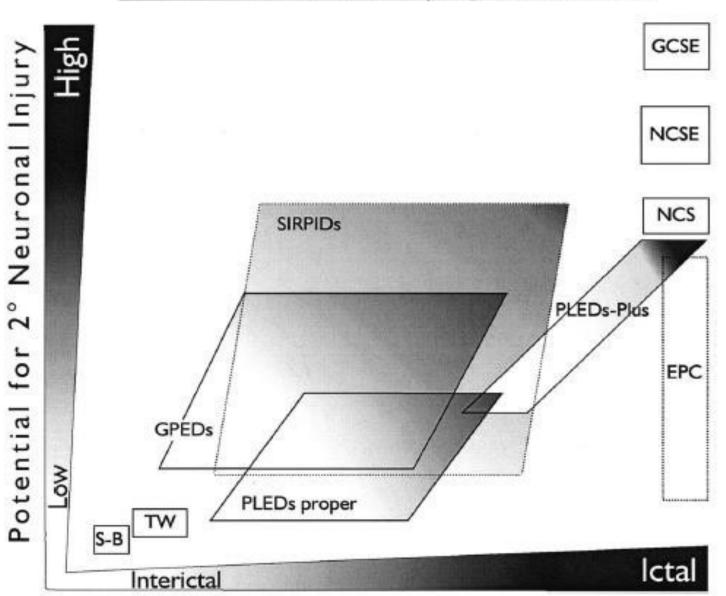


- Any PD or SW pattern that averages > 1.0 and >= 2.5 Hz over 10 seconds (> 10 and <= 25 discharges in 10 seconds)
- Any PD or SW pattern that averages >= 0.5 Hz and <=1.0 Hz over 10 seconds (>=5 and <=10 discharges in 10 seconds) and has a plus modifier or fluctuation
- Any lateralized RDA averaging .1 Hz for at least 10 seconds (at
- least 10 waves in 10 seconds) with a plus modifier or fluctuation
- Does not qualify as an ESz or ESE



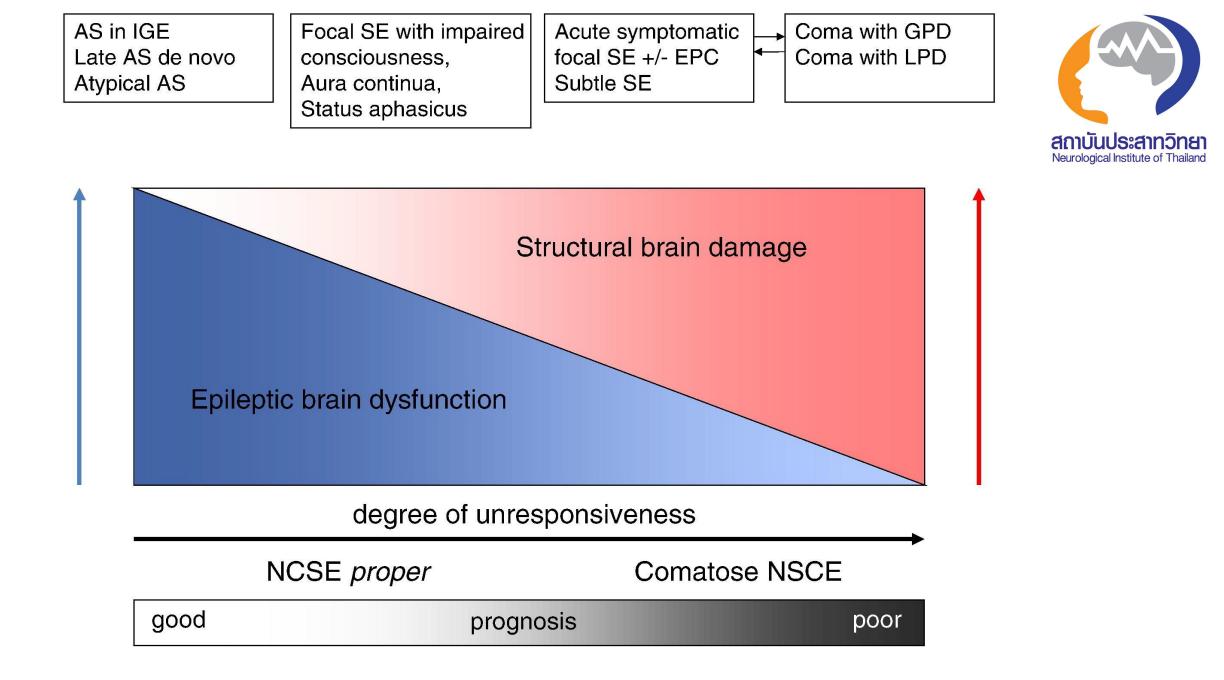
Etiology : clinical evaluation / Imagine / Laboratory test Treatment : Benzodiazepine / Antiepileptic Outcomes : clinical and neurophysiology improvement / worsening

The Ictal-Interictal-Injury Continuum





Chong DJ and Hirsch LJ et al; J Clin Neurophysiol 2005



Trinka U and Leitinger M; Epilepsy & Behav 2015



Coma and PLEDs were predictors of Delayed time to first seizure

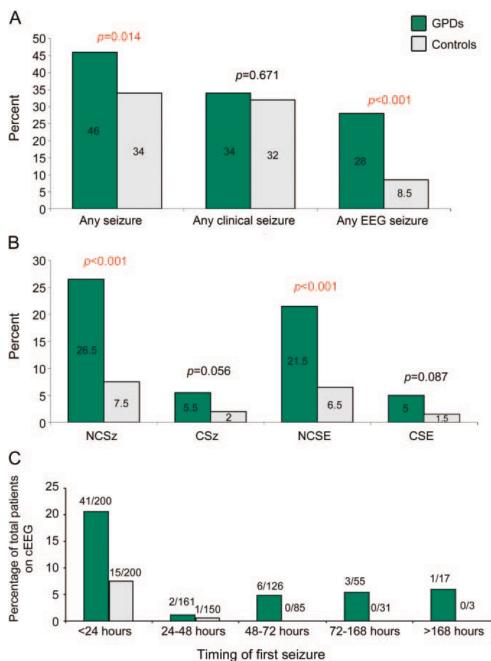
Findings	Seizures on cEEG monitoring			Time of cEEG monitoring to first seizure >24 h		
	Yes, n = 110	No, n = 460	р	Yes, $n = 14$	No, n = 96	р
Periodic epileptiform findings						
Any	49 (45)	82 (20)	$<\!\!0.001$	9 (64)	40 (42)	NS
PLED	44 (40)	46 (11)	$<\!\!0.001$	9 (64)	35 (37)	0.047
GPED	19 (17)	24 (6)	$<\!\!0.001$	2 (14)	17 (18)	NS
BiPLED	7 (6)	13 (3)	NS	0(0)	7(7)	NS
Triphasic waves	4 (4)	25 (6)	NS	0(0)	4 (4)	NS
Frontal intermittent rhythmic delta activity	11 (10)	35 (9)	NS	2 (14)	9 (10)	NS
Suppression burst	35(32)	13 (3)	< 0.001	4 (29)	31(32)	\mathbf{NS}

Table 4 Other cEEG findings in patients with seizures on cEEG, n = 110

Data are given as n (%). Some patients had multiple EEG patterns documented on continuous EEG (cEEG). The observed EEG findings do not have a constant temporal relationship, and seizures may precede other EEG findings in individual patients or vice versa.

PLED = periodic lateralized epileptiform discharges; GPED = generalized PED; BiPLED = bilateral PLED.

Hirsch et all 2012





(A) Comparison of seizure occurrence at any time in patients with GPDs vs controls (%).

(B) Comparison of seizures during continuous EEG monitoring (cEEG) in patients with GPDs vs controls (%)

(C) Timing of first recorded seizure in patients with GPDs vs controls.

<u>Neurology</u>. 2012 Nov 6; 79(19): 1951–1960.

axis 5: Modulation: (SIRPIDs) Stimulus-induced rhythmic, periodic, or ictal discharges

- induced by alerting stimuli such as auditory stimuli, sternal rub, examination, suctioning, turning, and other patient-care activities
- commonly elicited by stimulation in critically ill (stuporous or comatose), encephalopathic patients
- Pathophysiology of SIRPIDs is unknown
- The relationship between clinical seizures and SIRPIDs is unclear, although some association is found between SIRPIDs and clinical status epilepticus

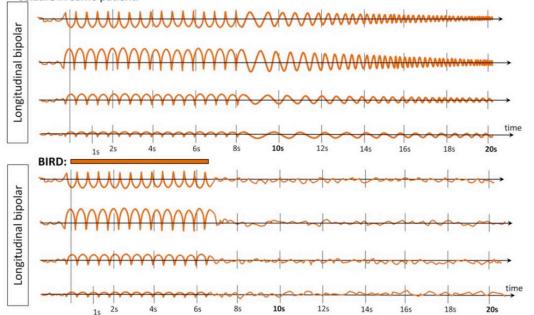


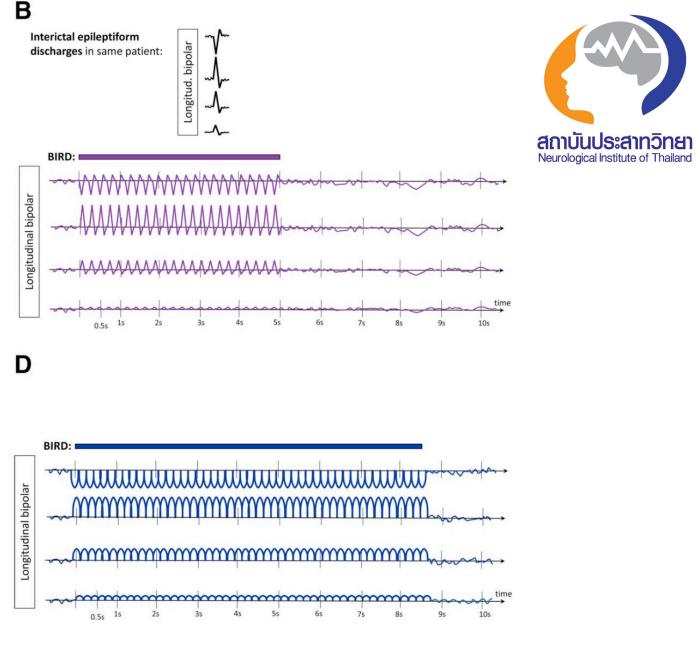
• Focal (including L, BI, UI or Mf) or generalized rhythmic activity

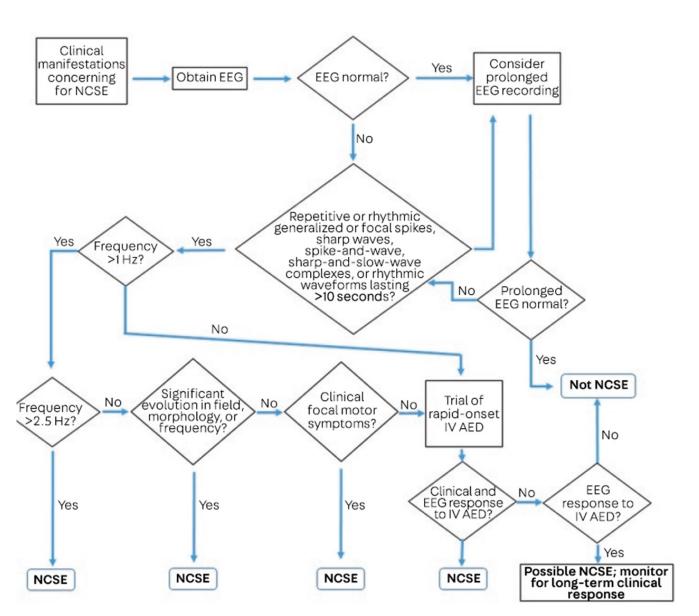
Activity > 4 Hz (at least six waves at a regular rate) lasting \geq 0.5 to < 10 seconds,

Not consistent with a known normal pattern or benign variant, not part of burst-suppression or burst-attenuation, without a definite clinical correlate, and that has at least one of the following features

Evolving BIRDs (a form of definite BIRDs) (≥0.5 s, >4 Hz, but at least m 6 waves at regular rate) 0.75 s 1s BIRD: Longitudinal bipolar mmmmm mmmmmmm time 1s 2s 3s 65 75 0.5s С seizure in same patient:

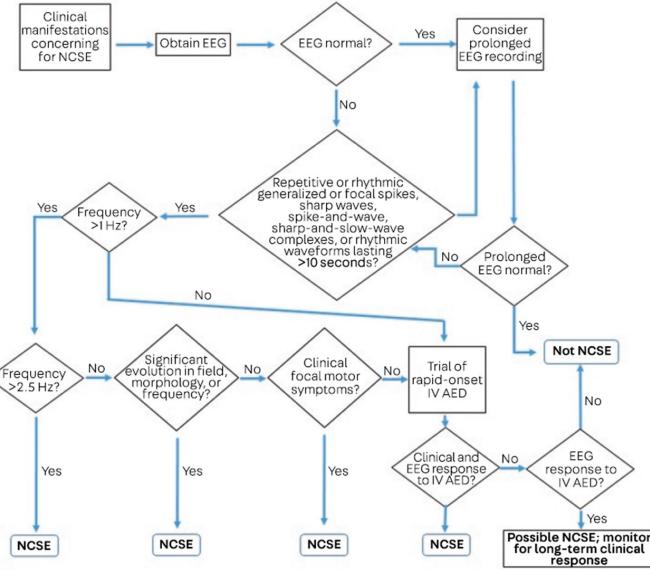


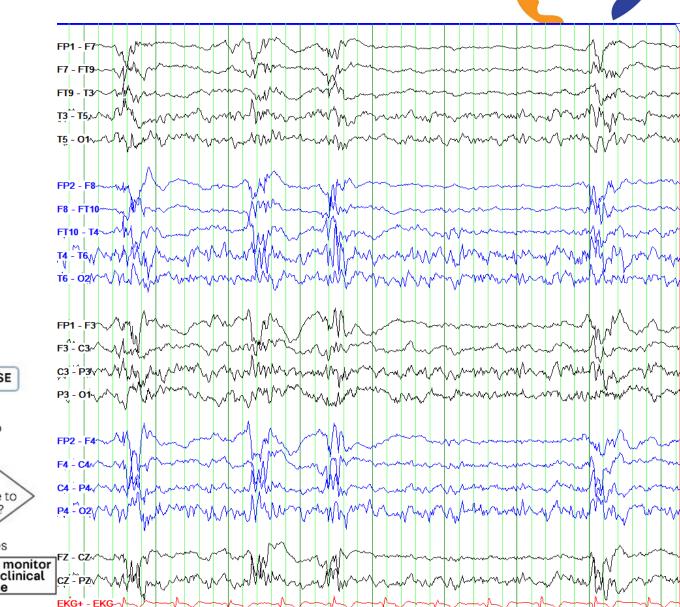


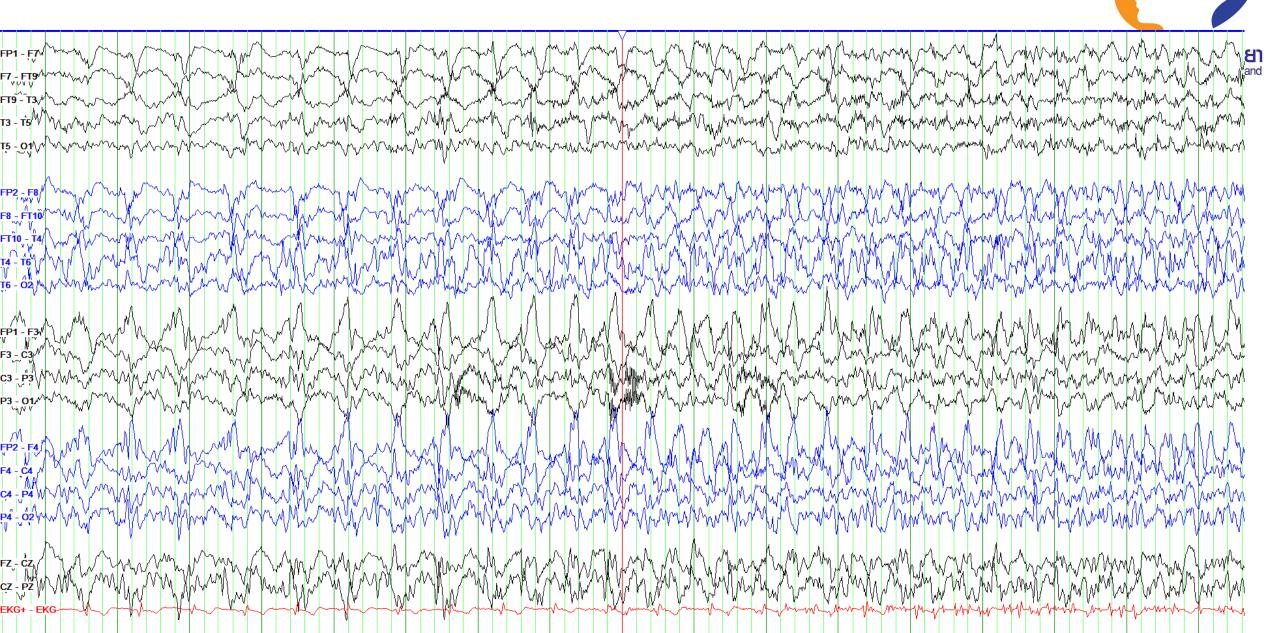




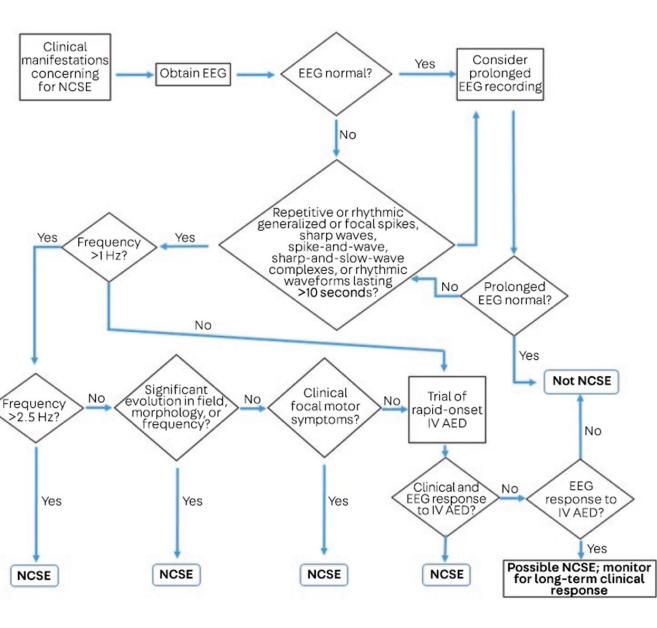


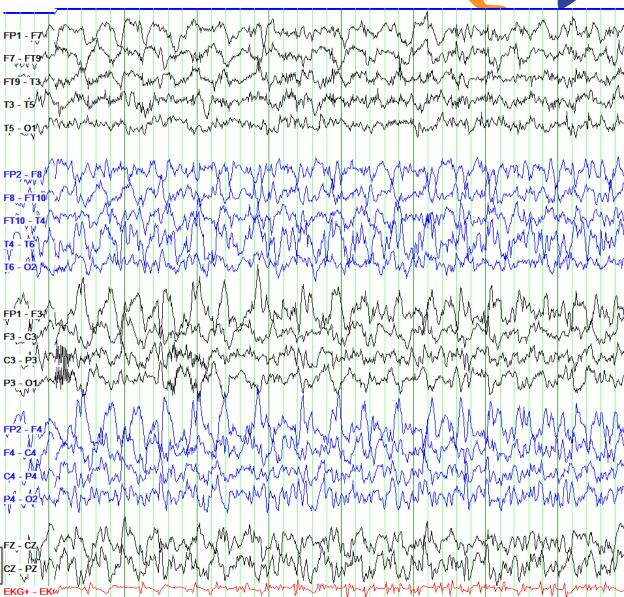


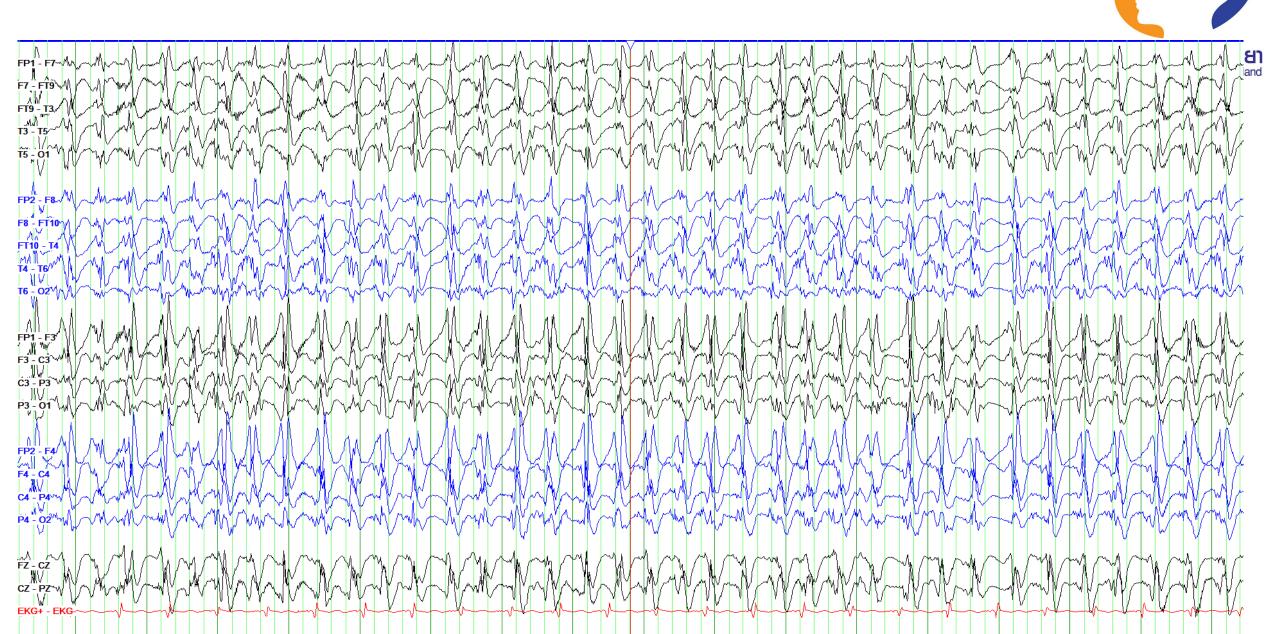


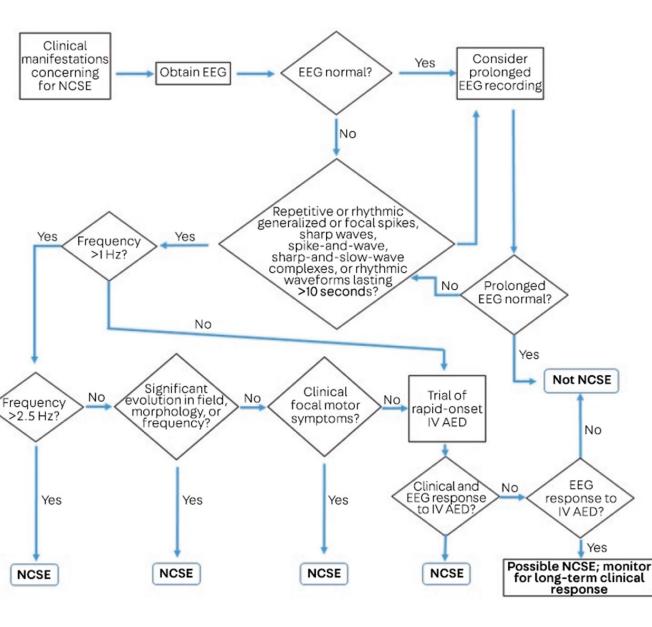


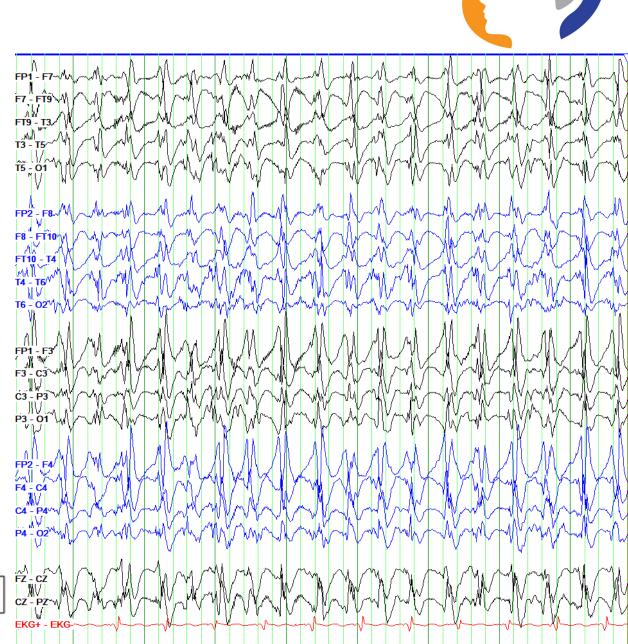


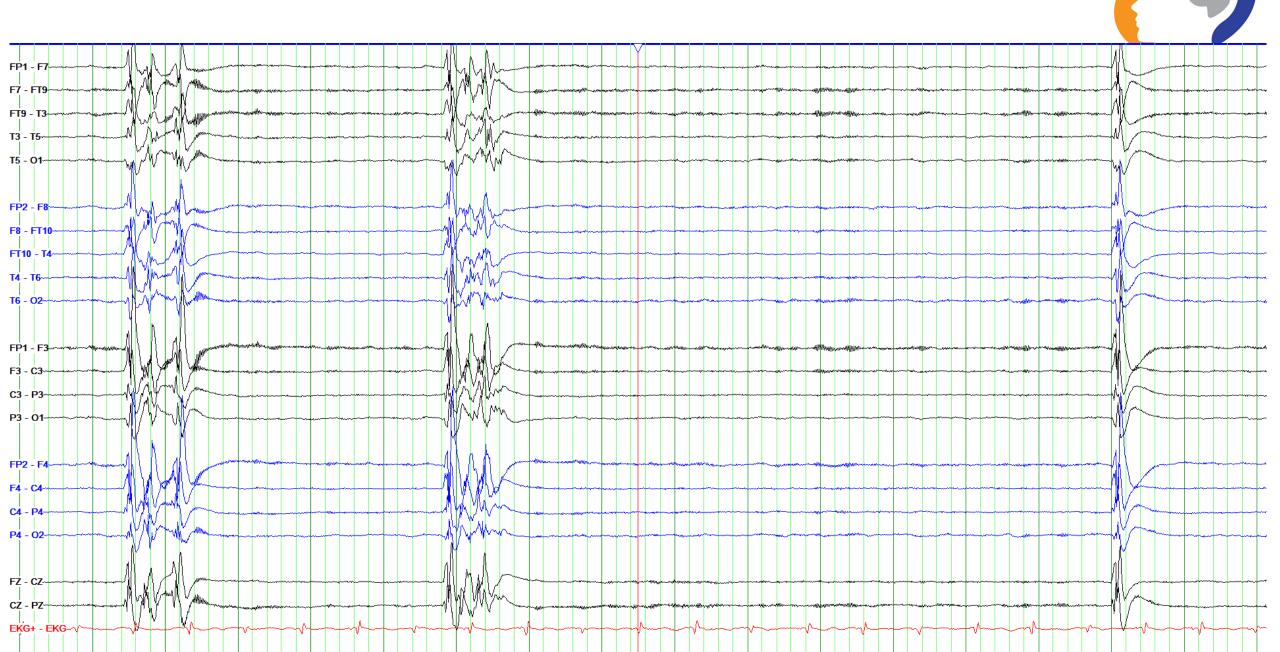


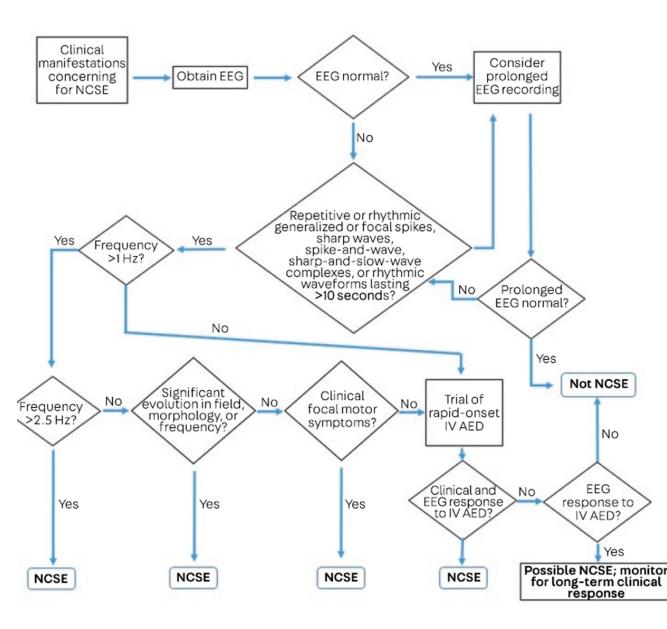




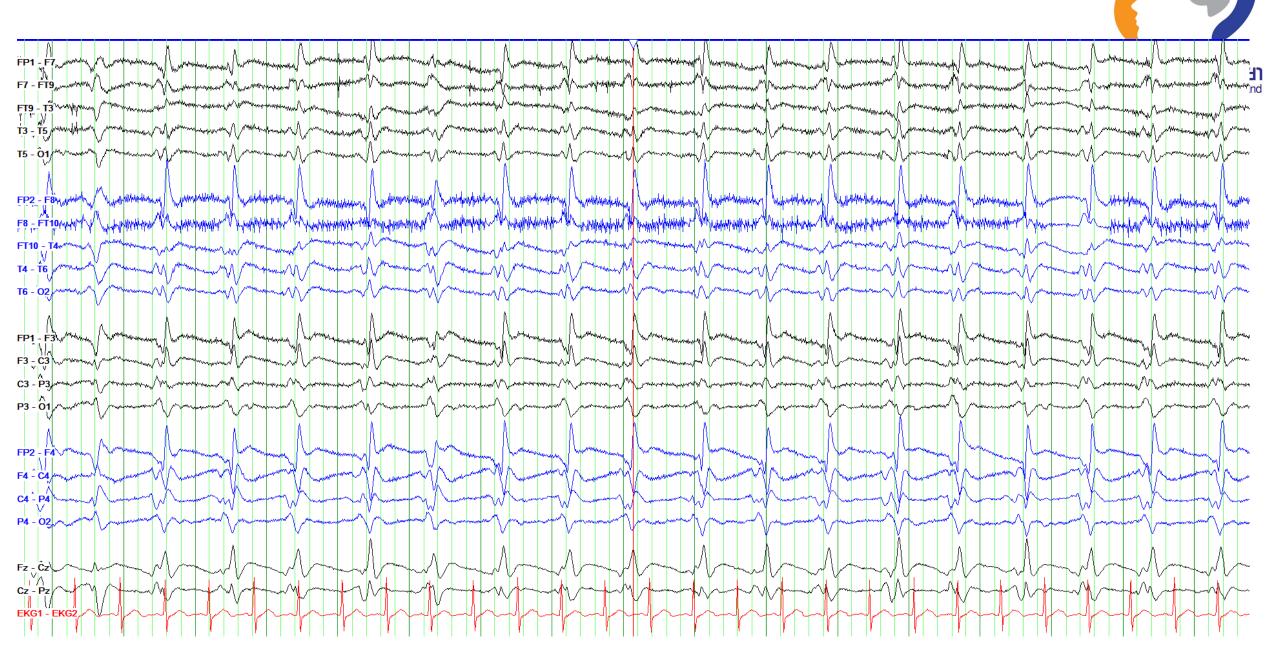




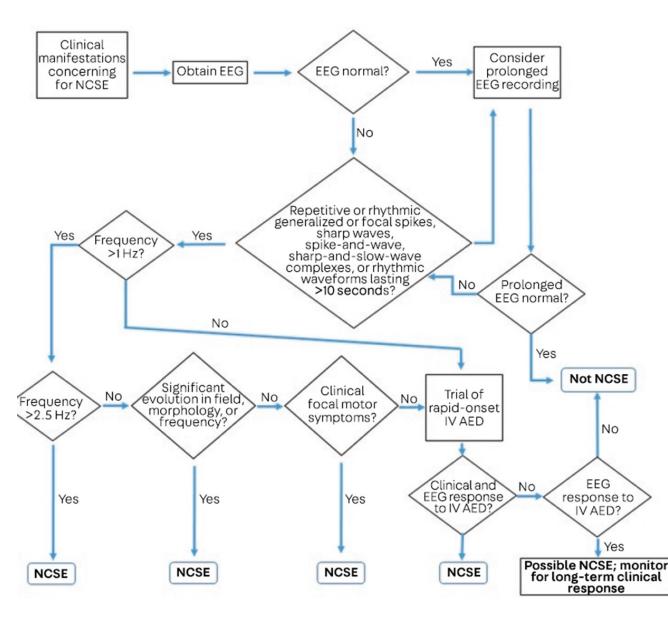


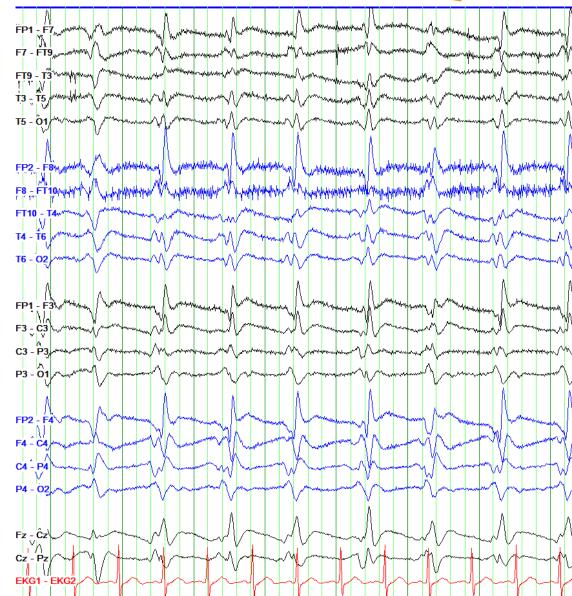












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