

ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT SERVICES
VP SHUNT INDIVIDUALIZED HEALTH PLAN

NAME: _____ **BIRTHDATE:** _____
SCHOOL: _____ **GRADE:** _____

DESCRIPTION OF CONDITION: HYDROCEPHALUS AND VP SHUNT
Hydrocephalus usually develops when cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) is produced and absorbed at an unequal rate, causing increased pressure in the child's head. A shunt is inserted and the shunt diverts the flow of CSF from the ventricles into another region of the body, most often into the abdominal cavity.

TYPE OF HEALTH CARE NEEDED:

1. BE ALERT FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SHUNT MALFUNCTION.

COMMON SYMPTOMS:

1. Fever
2. Vomiting (possibly in AM only)
3. Headache
4. Change in level of alertness and behavior
5. Lethargy
6. Decrease in appetite
7. Visual disturbance, (ex) downward eye gaze and difficulty focusing eyes.

TREATMENT:

Contact parents immediately

IMMEDIATE DANGER:

COMMON SYMPTOMS:

1. Seizures
2. Cessation of breathing

TREATMENT:

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| 1. Use seizure guidelines | 3. Call ambulance/911 |
| 2. Initiate CPR if breathing stops | 4. Call parents & District Nurse |

2. MONITOR FOR SAFETY ISSUES--AVOID BLOWS TO HEAD

TREATMENT:

1. Notify parents immediately if any type of head injury is sustained.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

NAME

PHONE

1. PARENT (S):

2. FAMILY PHYSICIAN:

SCHOOL REGISTERED NURSE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____