

What is a Seizure Diary?

A seizure diary is a record of the date and time that you had a seizure. You can also write down other information about the seizure such as¹:

- What you were doing right before you had the seizure
- What type of seizure you had
- How you felt before the seizure
- If you had been taking your antiepileptic drug (AED) regularly or not
- How you felt after the seizure
- How long the seizure lasted
- When you took your last AED dose
- What you think may have triggered the seizure (such as stress, lack of sleep, flashing lights)

Why should I use a Seizure Diary?

Using a seizure diary that you share with your doctor can help the doctor understand if the AED is working or not.¹



How do I use a Seizure Diary?

Each time you have a seizure, fill in the blanks on one of the forms below. If you are with someone when you had a seizure, ask them for details to help you fill out the form.

What do I do with my Seizure Diary?

Take the seizure diary with you every time you see a healthcare provider who helps you manage your epilepsy. Make copies of the next 5 pages to make sure you have a good supply of tracking forms.



Seizure diaries are also available online, including apps for mobile devices:

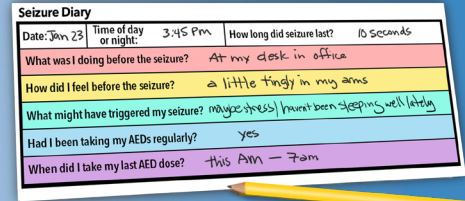


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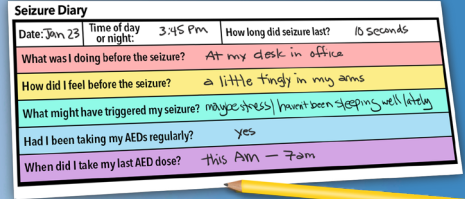
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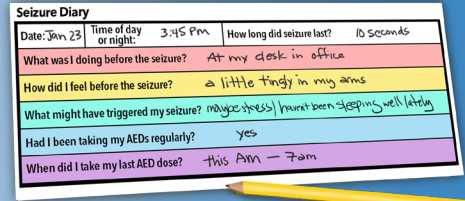
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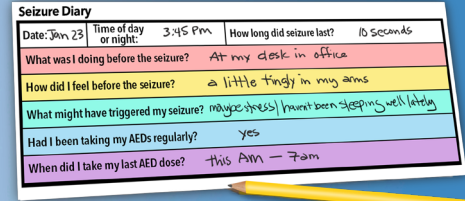


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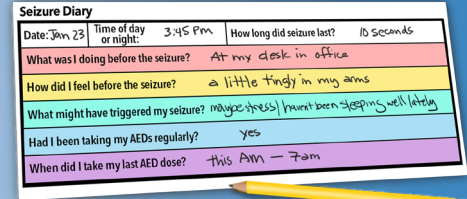
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