

Antiepileptic drugs of common use in pediatrics

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Symptomatic anti-convulsant drug therapy is the primary mode of treatment in children with epilepsy. Phenobarbital, valproic acid, carbamazepine, phenytoin and clobazepam are the drugs of choice for all seizure types. Patients with resistant or chronic seizure disorder it may be necessary to add a second or a third and rarely a fourth drug. For drug resistance, absence, minor motor seizures and other difficult seizure types in children, the ketogenic diet could be exceptional circumstances, children with recurring seizures refractory to medication may benefit from surgery.