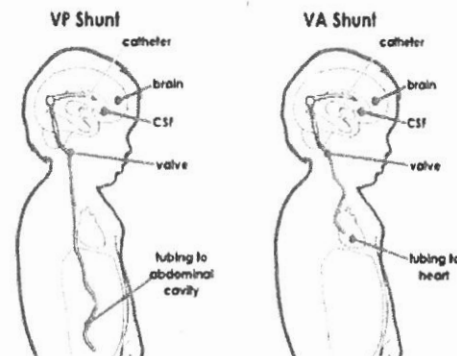


Ventricular Shunt Action Plan

Student Name: _____ DOB: _____

Does the student have a shunt? Yes ___ No ___ If yes what type: VP ___ VA ___

A ventricular shunt is a drainage tube inserted into the ventricular system of the brain. It allows excess cerebral spinal fluid to drain into a deposit site within the body. The deposit site or the opposite end of the drainage tube is usually within the peritoneal (abdominal) cavity (VP) but can also drain into the right atrium of the heart (VA) or the pleural space surrounding the lungs



In the event of a shunt malfunction, the excess cerebrospinal fluid is unable to drain and intracranial pressure builds. This can become life threatening so recognition and response to signs and symptoms of increasing intracranial pressure is vital.

Potential Warning Signs: Notify School Nurse/Parent

- **Behavior**-persistent irritability, personality changes, decline in school performance, lethargy/fatigue, uncontrollable/unusual crying or whining
 - **Digestive**-complaints of stomach pain, nausea, loss of appetite, forceful or projectile vomiting not related to feeding
 - **Neurological**-dizziness, complaints of headache, blurred vision (abnormal eye movements), seizures (or increased seizure activity)
 - **Shunt Tract**-bulging, redness or fullness along the tract, complaints of stiff neck (unable or unwilling to bend head forward)
- ❖ **Call 911 immediately: If above warning signs are progressing quickly and/or student experiences loss of consciousness.**

If student experiences even a minor head or neck injury while at school staff should notify school nurse/parent. Carefully monitor for the above signs throughout the remainder of the school day and act accordingly.

Signing this form means you have read and agree to the information stated above. Please add any further information that you would like to add regarding your student:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (c) _____