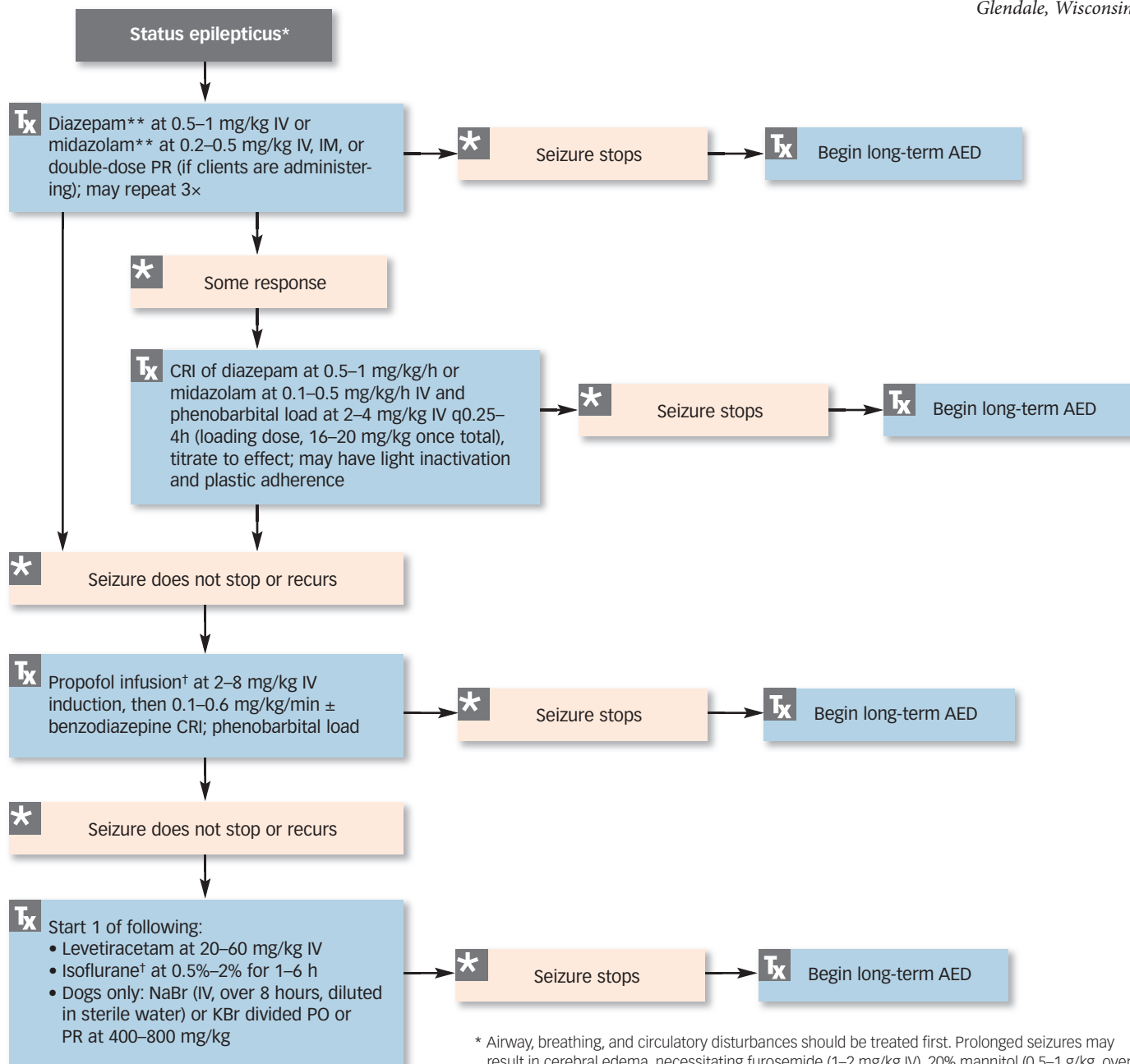


# Status Epilepticus: Emergency Management

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AED = antiepileptic drug, CRI = constant-rate infusion, PR = per rectum

\* Airway, breathing, and circulatory disturbances should be treated first. Prolonged seizures may result in cerebral edema, necessitating furosemide (1–2 mg/kg IV), 20% mannitol (0.5–1 g/kg, over 15–20 min IV), and/or dexamethasone NaP (0.05–0.3 mg/kg IV). Underlying disease must be treated.

\*\* Patients on phenobarbital may require higher doses because of hepatic enzyme induction; blood AED levels should be collected. Patients on phenobarbital may receive a small load of 4 mg/kg IV.

† Endotracheal intubation ± oxygen and ventilation is necessary.

