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Topic: Vagal Nerve Magnet Stimulators

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The State Board for Nursing has opined that the procedure of vagal nerve stimulation through use of a magnet is critical to the welfare of select children with seizure disorders. Unlicensed persons may apply this technique in school settings provided that such persons understand the particular child's seizure patterns and are trained in proper technique and potential side effects.