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A medical research study to learn how to treat patients with a type of prolonged seizures in the emergency department was recently performed in this community.

Before the study, doctors didn't know what medicine worked best. The study showed that three medicines commonly used to treat prolonged seizures all work similarly well, stopping seizures about half the time in both children and adults. The medicines were also similar in safety. These results give doctors more flexibility and confidence when treating patients with prolonged seizures.

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To learn more about the research and the results visit the ESETT website at: www.esett.org