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#### **Highlights**

- 1) Headache may be the only clinical ictal manifestation of an epileptic seizure.
- 2) The latter condition is now classified as "Ictal Epileptic Headache" (IEH).
- 3) EEG is not recommended as a routine examination for children diagnosed with headache.
- 4) However, ictal-EEG recording should be performed in cases of unresponsive headache.
- 5) IEH should be considered before suspending therapy to avoid risks in epileptic children.

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