FEBRILE SEIZURE (febrile convulsion)
A seizure accompanied by a fever (>38°C by any method), without CNS infection, which occurs in infants and children aged 6 months to 5 years.” AAP, 2011

Simple Febrile Seizure
- Last less than 15 minutes
- Generalised seizures
- No recurrence within 24hrs
- No postictal pathology

Current Sodium Valproate MRHA warning:
‘Valproate must not be used in women and girls of childbearing potential unless the conditions of the Pregnancy Prevention Programme are met and only if other treatments are ineffective or not tolerated.’

Risk of teratogenicity and neurodevelopmental delay in foetus

DON’T FORGET the risk of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) 1 in 4,500 children will die of SUDEP each year

“Sudden, unexpected, witnessed or unwitnessed, non-traumatic or non-drowning death of people with epilepsy, with or without evidence of a seizure, excluding documented status epilepticus and in whom post-mortem examination does not reveal a structural or toxicological cause for death.”

Useful resource: https://sudep.org/

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