

Current Topics in Epilepsy for Health Professionals



Date: Friday, October 10, 2008

Cost: \$60.00, Full-time Students admitted free

Time: 8:00 am—12:30 pm

Location: UWF Conference Center A and B

Symposium co-sponsored by:

The UWF Center for Applied Psychology and the Epilepsy Society of NW Florida

This symposium orients the health care professional to current topics in the treatment for epilepsy and care of individuals with seizure disorders. The emphasis of this symposium is on interdisciplinary approaches to both children and adults affected by these disorders. Although the symposium is targeted towards health care and behavioral health professionals working with individuals with epilepsy, students and members of the general public are welcome to register.

Objectives:

1. Understand status epilepticus; controversies of generic versus brand name antiepileptic medications and comorbid behavioral issues noted in children with seizure disorders.
2. Understand the issues an adolescent confronts with respect to a seizure disorder, as well as some of the challenges for the professional caring for the adolescent.
3. Understand how advocacy is an important issue when discussing special concerns of families who have children with a primary diagnosis of epilepsy. Understand how interdisciplinary advocacy support from specialists can help families cope with the many challenges of epilepsy.
4. Understand the difference between seizures and epilepsy; the classification of seizures medical management of patients with seizures and epilepsy.

Presenters:

Dr. Dave Suhrbier, D.O. – Epilepsy Issues in Children, with Special Consideration of Generic Medication and Status Epilepticus

Panelists: Dr. Dave Suhrbier, D.O. Dr. Karen Hagerott, Ph.D. and Dr. Kevin Groom, Ph.D. – Team Care of the Adolescent with Seizures

Ms. Linda J. Landreth-Harris, BSW – Bringing Hope through Advocacy: Understanding and Embracing Grass Roots Initiatives

Dr. Ruth Henchy, M.D. – Epilepsy in Adults

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