

Conference for Individuals Involved in the Education of Children with Epilepsy

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Epilepsy is the most common neurological condition of childhood and is often associated with educational difficulties. Due to the potential for disruption to cognitive and behavioral development, it is important that the disorder be properly understood and managed by education professionals. In this seminar, we will present information on epilepsy and its potential effects on child development, as well as seizure medical management and educational strategies designed to facilitate academic and psychosocial development. The education of children with a variety of learning disorders associated with epilepsy (e.g., developmental delay, autism, nonverbal learning disability, attention deficits) will be discussed, as well.

Saturday, October 29th, 2011

Richard B. Simches Research Center
185 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA

Register Online by October 15th
www.massgeneralforchildren.org/epilepsy-education

Registration fee: \$100

Continuing Education and Professional Development Credits:

Nurses: This program will meet the requirements of the Board of Registration in Nursing, at 244 CMR 5.00, to award 10 Contact Hours of nursing continuing education.

Teachers: Ten hours of credit toward Professional Development Points will be awarded to teachers from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Teachers from Vermont and New Hampshire will also receive credit provided that the conference objectives align with the teacher's personal professional development plan. Credits may be provided to teachers from Connecticut and Maine who attend the conference, although this will be left to the discretion of the respective state's Department of Education.

Conference will Include Presentations on the Following Topics:

- Introduction and Overview of Epilepsy and Treatments
Elizabeth A. Thiele, MD, PhD, Director, Pediatric Epilepsy Program
- Neuropsychological Function in Children with Epilepsy
Amy Morgan, PhD, Neuropsychologist
- Psychiatric Issues in Pediatric Epilepsy
Peter Newberry, MD, Psychiatrist
- Effects of Epilepsy on Cognitive and Behavioral Development
Amy Morgan, PhD, Neuropsychologist
- Psychosocial Impact of Pediatric Epilepsy
Leigh Horne-Mebel, LICSW, Social Worker
- Seizure Management for School Personnel
Patricia Bruno, RN, Nurse Coordinator
- Educational Strategies for Children with Epilepsy
*Gretchen Timmel, MEd, Educational Liaison, Psychology Assessment Center
Licensed Educational Psychologist; Certified Elementary Teacher*
- Stress Reduction in the Classroom
Laura Malloy, LICSW, Co-Director, Education Initiative, Benson-Henry Institute