Welcome
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Aims

This program has been developed to prepare nurses, in a variety of settings to:

- Address overall information about epilepsy and seizures to help care for people with epilepsy in the general hospital and community settings
- Introduces a level of learning for neurology nurses that are seeking additional information on specialty practices and care
Overview of Epilepsy 101

This program of study has self-paced learning modules addressing:

- Basics of Epilepsy
- Recognition and Care of Seizures and Emergencies
- Overview of Treatment Options
- Patient Education and Self-Management Approaches
Overview of Epilepsy and Nursing
People with epilepsy may come in contact with nurses from diverse settings and with different educational backgrounds and expertise.

The nurse-patient relationship may vary in relation to the setting and the patient’s needs.
Spectrum of Nursing Care – Epilepsy Specific

- Advanced practice nurses on neurology or epilepsy units
- Nurses providing direct patient care and education in a clinic setting or on epilepsy monitoring units
- Research nurses and nurse researchers
- Nurses in other acute care settings
  - Neurology, medical and surgical units
  - Emergency room or intensive care units
  - Operating and recovery room
Spectrum of Nursing Care - Other Health Needs

- Primary care practices
- Women’s health - gynecology, obstetrics
- Wellness clinics – occupational, urgent care, pharmacy-based
**Spectrum of Nursing Care – Community/Independent Living**

- Schools, camps
- Long-term care facilities - assisted living facilities, rehabilitation and nursing home facilities
- Independent living programs
- Group homes, day programs
- Vocational programs
Nursing Practice

- The role of epilepsy nurses varies depending on practice setting.
- Core focus is the same:
  - Identifying
  - Assessing
  - Caring
  - Educating
Summary

- Working knowledge of the basics of epilepsy and its treatment
- Give you an appreciation of the impact that epilepsy may have on a person’s health and quality of life
- And help you as a nurse provide the right care and best meet the patient’s needs.