

Mission

The Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania's mission is to lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome challenges created by epilepsy. We choose to fulfill that mission by meeting the non-medical needs for people affected by epilepsy/seizure disorder, to enhance their lives and build supportive communities.

Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania

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“Taking Control”



Saturday, November 12, 2011

Ace Conference Center

309 Manor Road

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

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AGENDA

Saturday, November 12, 2011
EPILEPSY EDUCATION & INFORMATION EXCHANGE

“Taking Control”

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast and Vendor Exhibits

9:15 am-9:30 am

Welcome & Introduction

Allison McCartin, Executive Director, EFEPa

9:30 am-10:30 am

Keynote: “Building a Healthy Relationship with Your Physician Expectations of Treatment”

Christopher Skidmore, MD, Jefferson Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

Doctors cannot always predict when medications will work. When to call and when not to call your doctor; what your doctors need to know from you; and learn what questions should be asked.

10:30-10:40 BREAK

SESSION 1 10:45 am-11:45 am

All sessions will include a 50 minute presentation followed by 10 minute question and answer period.

WORKSHOP A

Epilepsy Basics

Peter Crino, MD, Penn Epilepsy Center, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

What happens after being diagnosed with epilepsy / seizure disorder? EEG, MRI, PET Scan... What are these tests, and when are they used? When should you see an epileptologist? Why do doctors have varying opinions on how to treat?

WORKSHOP B

Anxiety and Epilepsy; Adults and Children

Kami Marchese, PsyD, Neuropsychology Assessment Center, Widener University

Why do so many people with epilepsy / seizure disorder have anxiety, and what is it? Is anxiety the same in children as it is in adults? How is it treated?

WORKSHOP C

Clinical Research and Trials

Michael R. Sperling, MD, Jefferson Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

What are clinical trials and where to find them? How safe are they? Are they right for you?

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WORKSHOP D

Impact of Epilepsy on the Family and Caregiver

Dennis Dlugos, MD, Regional Pediatric Epilepsy Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
How does the family's/caregiver's coping with an epilepsy diagnosis affect the individual? Can a positive attitude change a prognosis?

WORKSHOP E

Employment Discrimination / ADA

Michael Durst, Esq., Representing injured and disabled persons since 1978.
What is the ADA and how does it protect the person with epilepsy? Explore when, how and why to tell an employer about epilepsy/seizure disorder.

SESSION 2 11:50 am-12:50 pm

WORKSHOP E

Understanding SSI

Tom Giordano, Esq., Pond, Lebocky, Stern & Giordano
Does epilepsy keep you from working full time? Are Social Security Disability or SSI possible options? Learn about your rights to benefits under the complicated Social Security system.

WORKSHOPS A, B, C, AND D WILL BE REPEATED IN SESSION 2.

Workshops will remain in the same room for both sessions. Workshop E will remain in the same room for both sessions but the topic and speaker will change.

EFEPa does not provide or facilitate transportation for programs or events.

Spanish Translation can be arranged in advance.

There is no registration fee, however a donation to the foundation would be appreciated.

Vendor exhibits will be on-site from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm



When responding, please include

- name
- address
- phone number
- how many will be attending the conference.

KEYNOTE



Dr. Christopher T. Skidmore is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and a member of the Jefferson Comprehensive Epilepsy Center in the Department of Neurology at Thomas Jefferson University. He completed his medical school training at Saint Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO and his residency and fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, OH.

In addition to caring for patients with epilepsy, Dr. Skidmore is also the Director of the Neurology Residency program. He is committed to educating patients, families, students, and other doctors about epilepsy. Dr. Skidmore also presides over the EFEPa Professional Advisory Board.

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