



Paediatric Epilepsy Training

Level 2 Course Programme

GENERAL INFORMATION

This course has been developed to improve practice within childhood epilepsies. It is suitable for those involved in delivering secondary level care to children with epilepsy, particularly those with a lead role in childhood epilepsy.

- Consultant paediatricians and community paediatricians, especially those with particular expertise or responsibility for children with epilepsy
- General practitioners who have, or are developing, an expertise in paediatric epilepsy
- Consultant neurophysiologists
- Epilepsy nurse specialists
- General trainees in paediatrics, paediatric neurology and neurodisability, but only after undertaking a PET1 course

Please note, it is recommended that all those undertaking a PET2 course complete a PET1 course first.

COURSE PROGRAMME

The course is delivered in two parts PET1 (days 1&2) and PET2 (days 3&4). Each part is held over 2 days.

Days 1&2 concentrate on general aspects of the epilepsies (history taking, differential diagnosis, investigation etc) and on epilepsies encountered in younger children.

Days 3&4 concentrate on epilepsies presenting in mid childhood, older children and adolescents.

PET2 courses are limited to 36 participants only. PET2 is delivered by means of didactic teaching sessions and small workshops, which make use of videos and actors.

PROGRAMME

Day 1:		Format
9.00am	Registration and coffee	
9.30am	Welcome	
9.40am	Video quiz of paroxysmal episodes	Main room
10.10am	Improving the yield from the observer's history	Workshop
11.00am	Break	
11.30am	Accuracy of witness descriptions	Workshop
12.20pm	Optimising the yield from home video recording	Lecture
12.35pm	The diagnosis of episodes and epilepsies	Lecture
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	Debate: "This house proposes an EEG be performed after the first unprovoked seizure"	Workshop
2.45pm	The investigation of paroxysmal episodes	Lecture
3.25pm	Break	
3.45pm	Treatment choices	Workshop
4.45pm	Round up and feedback	
5.00pm	Finish	
Day 2:		
9.30am	Difficult babies - approach to the diagnosis of paroxysmal events in the very young- using video footage	Lecture
10.20am	Infantile spasms seminar	Workshop
11.10am	Break	
11.30am	Horrible epilepsies	Lecture
12.10pm	Not so horrible epilepsies – "benign" childhood epilepsies – diagnosis and prognosis	Workshop
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	Blank episodes – assessment and management	Lecture
3.00pm	Break	
3.20pm	Where to go when nothing seems to work	Workshop
4.00pm	Questions to the faculty, feedback and farewell	Main room

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Day 3:		Format
9.00 – 9.30	Registration	
9.30	Welcome and introductions	
9.35	Episodes at night	Workshop
10.30	Headaches and visual episodes	Workshop
11.10 – 11.30	Coffee	
11.30	Reflex epilepsies	Lecture
12.20	Idiopathic epilepsies in the older child	Workshop
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00	Fear and behaviour	Lecture
14.50	Epilepsies & Learning disability – The 4Ds	Workshop
15.40	Tea	
16.00	Debate – Generic vs branded drugs	Workshop
17.00	Close	
Day 4:		
9.00	The 3Rs Quiz!	Lecture
10.00	Choosing AEDs	Lecture
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee	
11.30	Roleplay – Teenagers!	Workshop
12.20	Practical issues around AEDs	Workshop
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00	Improving management – teenagers and transition	Workshop
14.50	Stopping Treatment	Lecture
15.40	Close and Tea	
16.00	Faculty Meeting	

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