

# Medical Therapy in Epilepsy: Treatment, Side Effects, Drug Interactions

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Please join us for a webinar hosted by the Epilepsy Foundation, titled “**Medical Therapy in Epilepsy: Treatment, Side Effects, Drug Interactions.**” Treatment for people impacted by epilepsy most often begins with the initiation of antiseizure medication. Controlling seizures, avoiding or minimizing side effects related to medication, and maintaining the best possible quality of life for people living with epilepsy are common aims of therapy. Mood and behavior side effects related to the use of antiseizure medications are well established and an important consideration in clinical decision making when treating epilepsy.

***You can positively impact the lives of your patients by increasing your knowledge of the medical treatment of epilepsy. This webinar will:***

- ▶ Review the **pharmacologic treatment** of epilepsy
- ▶ Review **common side effects** of anti-seizure medications
- ▶ Review **mood or behavior side effects** related to use of antiseizure medications
- ▶ Review common **drug interactions**
- ▶ Describe the importance of **adherence to alleviate risk** in epilepsy
- ▶ Review **seizure first aid and the use of rescue medications**

#### Webinar Moderator

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#### Guest Speaker

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