



**Title:** Epilepsy in Older Adults- Seizure Identification and Epilepsy Basics

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**Description:**

Epilepsy affects more than 3.4 million individuals in the United States, including close to 1 million older adults (age 55+). The incidence of seizures and epilepsy increases in older adults. Each year, more than 50,000 new cases of epilepsy occur in people over age 60.

Providing accessible epilepsy training to a wide range of post-acute and long-term care professionals will increase the likelihood that seniors with epilepsy receive timely and appropriate care tailored to their specific health needs. Good care includes early identification of seizures, appropriate management of seizures, and awareness of impact and risks for older adults diagnosed with epilepsy.

**Objectives:**

- Review seizures and the basics of epilepsy
- Review epidemiology of epilepsy in older adults
- Identify common seizure types, and those most often seen in older adults
- Describe seizure signs & symptoms in older adults
- Understand challenges for older adults with epilepsy
- Review Seizure First Aid

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