

SPEAKER AGENDA



APRIL 25-26, 2026

**Epilepsy
Awareness
Day** at Walt Disney World
epilepsyawarenessdayfl.org

★ Session Length: 45 Minutes

ROOM A

- ▶ 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Patient Journey to Epilepsy Surgery
*Satya Gedela, MD & Greg Olavarria, MD
Nemours Children's Hospital*
- ▶ 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
When Epilepsy Medicines Are Not Enough: When Should I Consider Surgery, Neuromodulation, & Dietary Therapy
*Matt Lallas, MD
Nicklaus Children's Hospital*
- ▶ 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Why earlier is better: The Case for Timely Epilepsy Surgery
*Robert Buckley, MD
Nicklaus Children's Hospital*

ROOM B

- ▶ 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Epilepsia Refractoria en los niños. ¿Es hora de Pensar en cirugía?
*Marytery Fajardo, MD
Nicklaus Children's Hospital*
- ▶ 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
SUDEP
*Rebecca Garcia Sosa, MD
Lurie Children's Chicago*
- ▶ 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
Dieta cetogenica y otras terapias dieteticas
*Pilar Gennero APRN & ChristinaVisona RD
Nicklaus Children's Hospital*
- ▶ 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
¿Qué es importante preguntar a su médico?
*Camilo Garcia, MD
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center*

ROOM C

- ▶ 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Genetic Testing in Epilepsy: Who, When, and Why Does it Matter?
*Scott Perry, MD
Cook Children's Hospital*
- ▶ 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Clinical Trials and Epilepsy
*Ian Miller, MD
Stoke Pharmaceuticals*
- ▶ 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
SUDEP
*Syndi Seinfeld, DO
Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital*
- ▶ 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Seizure Rescue Medications and Seizure Action Plans- Who Needs Them?
*Dalila Lewis, MD
Medical University of South Carolina*

ROOM D

- ▶ 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Autism & Epilepsy: Dual Diagnosis
*John Gaitanis, MD
Hasbro Children's Hospital*
- ▶ 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Choosing Epilepsy Treatments for Optimal Learning and Cognition
*Katherine Nickels, MD
Mayo Clinic, MN*
- ▶ 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
Ketogenic Diet for Epilepsy
*Anna Pinto, MD
Emory University Hospital*
- ▶ 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Seizure mimics vs epileptic seizures
*Neel Parik, MD
Johns Hopkins Hospital*

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Transition from Pediatric to Adult Care: It's more than choosing a doctor.
*Matthew Hoerth, MD
Mayo Clinic, Phoenix*
- ▶ 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Women & Epilepsy
*Claudia Vallin, DO
Cleveland Clinic FL*
- ▶ 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
Driving and Flying with Epilepsy
*Joe Sirven, MD
Mayo Clinic FL*
- ▶ 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Music, Epilepsy & the Brain
*Phillip Pearl, MD
Boston Children's Hospital*

ROOM F

- ▶ 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
School Advocacy
*Monika Jones
Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Alliance*
- ▶ 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Advocacy After 18: Guardianship and Its Alternatives
*Monica Aguila, M.S. CCC-SLP
Aguila Law, Florida*
- ▶ 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
Special Needs Planning: Wills, Trusts & Benefits for Your Loved One
*Monica Aguila, M.S. CCC-SLP
Aguila Law, Florida*
- ▶ 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Advocates Panel: Patient Journeys
*Patient Ambassadors - Neurelis
Patient Ambassadors - SK Life*