

EPILEPSY CARE PROGRESSION



Carolinus HealthCare System
Neurosciences Institute

Carolinus Epilepsy Network offers four levels of epilepsy care and endorses the guidelines published by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers.

The Epilepsy Network at Carolinus HealthCare System supports the delivery of evidence-based epilepsy care based on the guidelines published by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers (NAEC).

LEVEL	PROVIDER	LOCATION	TREATMENT PLAN	MANAGEMENT TIME FRAME
1	Primary care physician	OP Office	Initiate evaluation and treatment of epilepsy Make patient seizure-free on one medication, OR refer to general neurologist	0-3 months
2	General neurologist	OP Office	Complete initial evaluation Make patient seizure-free on medication, OR refer to Epilepsy Center	9-12 months
3	Team of specialty trained epileptologists and epilepsy surgeons	NAEC Accredited Epilepsy Center	Confirm diagnosis and rule out non-epileptic seizures Optimize medications Provide comprehensive diagnostic and pre-surgical evaluations Perform simple or complex epilepsy surgery Offer experimental treatments	6-12 months
4	Epilepsy Team	Epilepsy Center	Long term Management / follow-up	On-going
5	Therapy	OP Clinic	Provide speech therapy, vocational / social services, psychiatry	N/A

If you have any question about the management of epilepsy please contact us at 704-512-5640.