

# EPILEPSY INNOVATION CONFERENCE



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## Epilepsy Innovation Conference

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is thrilled to hold its second annual Epilepsy Innovation Conference in Grand Rapids on June 1, 2019. As the title of the conference suggests, all presentations will have a strong focus on the latest advances in the field and exciting changes on the horizon. The conference is primarily for people with epilepsy and family members, but professionals will also find value in attending. This year's conference will feature **Kurt Eichenwald, New York Times Bestselling Author** of *A Mind Unraveled*, in a conversation moderated by Wood TV's Brian Sterling.

**SPECTRUM HEALTH**  
Medical Group



### SESSION TOPICS: *(full agenda on back)*

**Advances in Neurodiagnostics and Pre-Surgical Evaluation** *How recent advances are expanding access to surgical treatment*

**Brain Health in Epilepsy: Reprioritizing Emotional and Cognitive Wellbeing** *Why cognitive function and mental health are as important as seizure control to brain health and quality of life*

**The Genetics of Epilepsy: Cracking the Code** *How the rapidly expanding field of genetics is enhancing epilepsy diagnosis and facilitating precision medicine*

**New Treatment Spotlight: Cannabidiol for Epilepsy** *The science of cannabidiol as a treatment for epilepsy and practical considerations for its use*

**Epilepsy Q&A**

**June 1, 2019**

**Prince Conference Center**

*Located on the Calvin College Campus*

**1800 E Beltline Ave SE**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49546**

**9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**Check-in begins at 8:30AM**

\$25 fee\*

*\*Fee includes all materials and lunch.  
Financial assistance is available upon request.*

**SPACE IS LIMITED-  
REGISTER TODAY!**

*Register by 5/17 for a chance to receive a signed copy of "A Mind Unraveled"*

**(800) 377-6226, ext. 1204**

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neurodiagnostic technologists

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## AGENDA

9:00 – 9:45 am

**A Conversation with Kurt Eichenwald, journalist and NY Times best-selling author**

*Kurt's journey with epilepsy, his memoir describing it, and his vision for the future*

Moderated by Brian Sterling, Wood TV News Anchor

9:45 – 10:00 am

**Break**

10:00 – 11:00 am

**Advances in Neurodiagnostics and Pre-Surgical Evaluation**

*How recent advances in neurodiagnostics and pre-surgical evaluation are expanding access to surgical treatment options and improving outcomes*

Ayman Haykal, MD – epileptologist, Spectrum Health

11:00 am – Noon

**Brain Health in Epilepsy: Reprioritizing Emotional and Cognitive Wellbeing**

*Why cognitive function and mental health are as important as seizure control to brain health and quality of life*

Mohammad Poostizadeh, MD – epileptologist, Mercy Health Hauenstein Neurosciences

Trevor Wu, PhD – neuropsychologist, Mercy Health Hauenstein Neurosciences

Susan Woolner, CPXP – patient & caregiver support, Mercy Health Hauenstein Neurosciences

Annalise Hammerlund, MA, LPC – licensed counselor and expressive arts therapist

Noon – 1:15 pm

**Lunch & Networking Time**

1:15 – 2:00

**The Genetics of Epilepsy: Cracking the Code**

*How the rapidly expanding field of genetics is enhancing epilepsy diagnosis and facilitating precision medicine*

Danielle Nolan, MD – pediatric epileptologist, Beaumont Children's

2:00 – 2:45 pm

**New Treatment Spotlight: Cannabidiol for Epilepsy**

*The science of cannabidiol as a treatment for epilepsy and practical considerations for its use*

David Burdette, MD – epileptologist Spectrum Health

Daniel Fain, MD – pediatric epileptologist, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

Carla Boyd – parent of teen with epilepsy

2:45 – 3:30 pm

**Epilepsy Q&A**

Evan Tank, DO – epileptologist, Spectrum Health

Julie Ziobro, MD, PhD – pediatric epileptologist, Michigan Medicine C.S. Mott Children's Hospital