



Information evening for Parents of Children with Epilepsy

Alexander Hotel, Dublin

Wednesday, 9th October
7pm to 9pm

Understanding Your Child's Epilepsy

Guest Speakers:

Prof. Joan Austin

Seizure Onset in Children and their families

- Child response to seizures
- Parent response to seizures
- Child mental health and the family environment

Dr. Joyce Senior

Identifying and Responding to educational and psychosocial issues for students with epilepsy

- Common educational and associated social/mental health issues
- Epilepsy & the education system
- Accessing resources and services

Dr. Veronica Lambert

Talking About Epilepsy

Dr. Lambert will discuss her on-going research exploring how families talk about epilepsy



Prof Austin is a world leading epilepsy expert and researcher specialising in mental health problems in children with epilepsy. She is a Distinguished Professor Emerita of Nursing at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis. Among her many achievements, she became the first nurse to serve as president of the American Epilepsy Society in 2005 and has been heavily involved in both the Epilepsy Foundation and the International Bureau for Epilepsy throughout her career. She was also a member of the Institute of Medicine committee that produced the landmark report "Epilepsy Across the Spectrum: Promoting Health and Understanding" published last year.



Dr Senior is a lecturer in Education at University College Dublin, specialising in special educational needs and educational psychology. She has a special interest in epilepsy and in 2003 wrote a book on *Educational, Medical, & Advisory Provision for Children with Epilepsy*. She was also involved in developing the Epilepsy Ireland teacher's pack for primary and secondary schools and the Irish version of the *Epilepsy and the Young Adult* book. Joyce is a former teacher and is currently a board member of Epilepsy Ireland



Dr Lambert is a lecturer in Children's and General Nursing at the School of Nursing and Human Sciences at Dublin City University. Prior to this she worked as a Clinical Education Facilitator at Temple Street children's hospital. Her research interest is in child and family healthcare communication and she is currently undertaking Epilepsy Ireland funded research on how families communicate about epilepsy. In 2012, she was presented with the Jozien Bensing Award for talented early career research from the European Association for Communication in Healthcare.

There is no charge to attend but please book in advance so we can plan accordingly. Call us at 01 4557500 or email info@epilepsy.ie



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