



One in 26 people will have a seizure and one or two out of 100 have epilepsy. That's more than two million people in the United States alone. Seizures affect people of all ages, and can occur even in people who have always been healthy and never had a brain injury.

Your first seizure may be major with unusual movements or more subtle with only blank staring. In either case, you and your loved ones are certain to have questions and fears you want addressed.

**We're here to help.**

You must be referred by a primary care provider for an appointment at the First Seizure Clinic.

### To make a referral:

#### Hartford HealthCare providers:

- Search in Epic for Ambulatory Referral to Neurology - Epilepsy Center
- Select the "First Seizure" button

#### External Providers:

- Fax referral to **860.545.5003**
- Specify "First Seizure Clinic"
- Include patient insurance information
- Include recent clinic note referencing the seizure event

**Call: 860.972.3621**



#### First Seizure Clinic visits are at:

Hartford Hospital  
Medical Office Building, Suite 815  
85 Seymour St, Hartford CT 06102

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At the Ayer Neuroscience Institute Comprehensive Epilepsy First Seizure Clinic, our goal is to give rapid and accurate diagnosis of seizures and seizure-like events so appropriate care can be started as soon as possible.

Our board-certified epileptologists see patients age 18 and older, usually within two weeks of the first event. With access to a wide range of diagnostic testing, including an EEG, which our staff can schedule for the same day as your office visit, they are able to diagnose:

- Seizure
- Epilepsy
- Fainting
- Psychogenic event
- Movement disorder
- Sleep attack

The team will also speak to you about the effect seizures have on your ability to drive and other safety concerns, and then work with your referring provider on a comprehensive diagnostic and treatment plan for you.

## Diagnostic testing

We offer a full range of EEG and brain imaging tests (like MRI) to help make a rapid and accurate diagnosis.

## Our team

Swetha Ade, MD

Sarah Benchaya, MD

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Lisa Knopf, MD

Gabriel Martz, MD *(also speaks Spanish)*

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