Quote: “I am writing this letter in support of the Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas in regards to the foundation expanding into Arkansas. It will bring best practice and effective programs and services to complement the medical care for those with epilepsy. Resources in education to parents, students, and school personnel in schools will only help to keep our children safe, healthy and ready to learn.”
August 1 – First Community Bank – Batesville, AR
  • 39 School Nurses – CHNS “Bridgit does a fantastic presentation and our school nurses gained valuable information.” ~Cindy Schaefering, RN

August 2 – Cooper Alumni Center – Jonesboro, AR
  • 50 School Nurses – CHNS “Awesome presenter and great information. We have needed this in Arkansas for a very long time.” ~Laurie Cook, RN

August 5 – Arch Ford – Plumerville, AR
  • 78 School Nurses – CHNS “Wonderful job with such valuable information.” ~Tracy Starks

August 6 – Guy Fenter – Branch, AR
  • 71 School Nurses – CHNS “Wonderful presentation and useful information.” ~Miranda Curbow, RN

August 7 – Northwest Arkansas – Farmington, AR
  • 119 School Nurses – CHNS “Great job! The information was presented with such clarity.” ~Kelli Butcher, RN

August 8 – OUR Coop – Harrison, AR
  • 70 School Nurses – CHNS “Awesome speaker!!” ~Lana Boggs, RN

• In total 427 School Nurses received Specialized Seizure Education
Aug. 5, 2019

1st Arkansas Epilepsy Connect Event

Those in attendance were nurses, specialty pharmacist, individuals & family members impacted by seizures
ARKANSAS EPILEPSY CONNECT
• October 15 – Sunshine School– Searcy, AR
  • 26 School Staff – “Very informative and interesting! We’d love for you to provide training again next year.” ~Kim Evans, RN
• October 16 – Bentonville Public Schools – Bentonville, AR
  • 26 School Nurses – “Excellent Information. Love incorporating Colby and experiences to your slide information.” ~Deborah Keith, RN- Health Services Coordinator
• Greenwich Biosciences
• UCB
• Eisai
• Supernus Pharmaceuticals
• Aquestive
• Aprecia
• Monteris Medical
• Walgreen’s Specialty Pharmacy

• SK Life Science
• Sunovion
• LivaNova – VNS Device
• Neuro Pace – RNS Device
• UAMS
• Arkansas Children’s
• Arkansas Epilepsy Program - AEP
November 5, 2019

2nd Arkansas Epilepsy Connect Event

“The Science of Cannabinoids”
Presented by Robert Welch, Senior Medical Science Liaison
FDA Investigates 127 Seizure Reports Potentially Linked To Vaping
Vaping – According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), in just one year, the number of middle and high school students using e-cigarettes jumped from 2.1 million in 2017 to 3.6 million in 2018
Seizures have been reported among first-time e-cigarette users and experienced users. In a few situations, e-cigarette users reported a prior history of seizure diagnosis. A few reported cases indicated seizures in association with use of other substances such as marijuana or amphetamines. Seizures have been reported as occurring after a few puffs or up to one day after use. Most of the self-reported data that the FDA has received does not contain any specific brand or sub-brand information about the e-cigarette.
Exploring other things....

VNS treats difficult to manage epilepsy patients which are high utilizes in inpatient hospital and ER resources.

Arkansas DHS reimburses all acute hospitals only $363 per case. VNS device costs are just north of $40,000.