



When to refer to the McLaren Macomb out patient seizure/epilepsy clinic

Any patient with a new diagnosis of seizures/epilepsy should be referred to the epilepsy clinic.

Any patient with an existing diagnosis of seizures/epilepsy and/or on anti-seizure medication should be offered a follow up in the epilepsy clinic, if they do not have / have not seen a seizure specialist.

Clinical Basis:

- A. Co-morbid conditions seen in seizure/epilepsy patients
 - i)50% of patients with a brain tumor develop seizures
 - ii)20 to 33% of patients with a stroke, or brain bleed develop seizures
 - iii)50% of patient with a head injury and develop seizures

- B. Delay in Diagnosis and Treatment can lead to consequences such as but not limited to falls, sprains, strains, fractures, head injury, or even sudden death.
 - i)On average it takes 12 years for a patients with epilepsy to be diagnosed and treated optimally, consequently referral can to a seizure specialist/ epileptologist improves outcomes, and quality of life.