

Neurologist vs Epileptologist

What's the difference?

Both treat conditions affecting the brain. An epileptologist has specialized training in epilepsy and seizure disorders.

Neurologist

- Treats a wide range of brain and nervous system conditions
- Manages headaches, strokes, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), neuropathy, and more
- Often the first specialist you see
- Has general neurology training, including epilepsy

Epileptologist

- Specializes specifically in epilepsy and seizure disorders
- Focuses on diagnosing and treating seizures and epilepsy
- Often consulted when seizures are difficult to control or the diagnosis is unclear
- Has additional specialized training in epilepsy care

When should you consider seeing an epileptologist?

- Seizures continue despite medication
- You've tried 2 or more seizure medications without success
- You're unsure whether your episodes are seizures
- You're interested in epilepsy surgery, RNS, DBS, VNS, or other advanced treatment options
- You want a second opinion about your epilepsy care