

## GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



### Greetings

First we wish to congratulate our Chairman and Co-Founder Warren Lammert and President Joyce Cramer for the success of our Epilepsy Therapy Project (ETP) Pipeline Conference. [See our homepage for more news of ETP.](#)

This month we added a major addition to the site — epilepsy-related quality measures adapted from a CDC-funded study that was published in *Neurology*. We present information ranging from examination and testing procedures involved with diagnosing epilepsy to pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical approaches to treatments. There are numerous additional readings and references for this project made possible through grant support.

Other website highlights this month include:

**Hallway Conversations: Using Provocative Tests to Diagnose Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures, a Medical and Ethical Perspective.** Our medical experts for this controversial subject are Selim Benbadis, MD, and Jeffrey Burack, MD.

**Perspectives: Hybrid Cell Silicon Neural Implants, A New Avenue for Therapies,** by Jenna L. Rickus, PhD, of Purdue University.

**Hormones and their Relationship to Epilepsy and Premenstrual Disorders in Young Women** by Constance Guille, MD, Yale, whose work is currently in press with *Epilepsy & Behavior* and Pavel Klein, MD, who spoke on this topic at the AES annual meeting this past December.

From April 12 to May 12, 2008 *Epilepsy & Behavior* Special Issue "**Current Views on Epilepsy and Behavior**" edited by Dr. Steven C. Schachter will be available for free download on Science Direct. [Please see our homepage for link.](#)

### For your patients:

- **Camilla Becket**, award winning filmmaker and mother tells us how and why she and her husband created the feature length DVD, *Childhood Epilepsy: What You Need to Know*.
- **Orrin Devinsky, MD**, hosted a Chat Room talk on epilepsy surgery and we now have the transcript available.
- **Steve Schacter, MD**, hosted a Chat Room talk on vagus nerve stimulation and we now have the transcript available.
- **Peter Morrison, MD**, wrote for us "The Ketogenic Diet and Antiepileptic Drugs: A Good Mix?" which

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming epilepsy-related conferences, symposia, and events include:

**April 02-April 05, 2008**  
**International Symposium on Dietary Therapies for Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders**  
The Ritz-Carlton Phoenix, Arizona

**April 10-April 11, 2008**  
**International Symposium on Febrile Seizures and Related Conditions**  
Otsu, Japan

**May 04-May 08, 2008**  
**13th European Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology**  
Istanbul, Turkey.

answers questions many parents have about this treatment.

- **Spotlight on epilepsy.com Groups!** – You will enjoy learning that groups on *epilepsy.com* are a great way to meet people with similar interests, share documents and have a virtual meeting place!
- **Seizure Diaries:** We have made enhancements so that you can keep track of your types of seizures, medications, other epilepsy treatments, and side effects or other concerns, organize health contacts, and create a printable report to take with you to medical appointments. [Click here to create a my.epilepsy.com account and get started!](#)
- Epilepsy Camp: [Remind patients of our camp listing](#) and watch for more camp news on *epilepsy.com*.

*One final note – for all of you who supported the National Walk for Epilepsy -- our thanks to you. Enjoy the springtime with renewed energy.*

Sincerely,

**Steven C. Schachter, MD**  
**Editor-in-Chief**



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

**epilepsy.com/Professionals** is building a resource section of useful practice tools for the professional community. If you have a form, patient information sheet, or other useful handout for patients with epilepsy, and you'd like to share it with thousands of your colleagues by adding it to the [resource section of epilepsy.com/professionals](#), please email it to [rita@epilepsytdp.org](mailto:rita@epilepsytdp.org) or fax it to (540) 687-8066, and we'll take it from there. Thanks!!

## ABOUT THE EPILEPSY THERAPY PROJECT



The **Epilepsy Therapy Project** is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. The organization was founded by parents of young children with epilepsy, along with their children's doctor, a leading researcher and clinician in the field of epilepsy. Our mission is to advance new treatments for people living with epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Therapy Project is also the sponsor of [epilepsy.com](#) and [epilepsy.com/professionals](#). We are working to build [epilepsy.com/professionals](#) into the most comprehensive source of information, tools, and interchange available online for patients, practicing neurologists, and for the research and therapy development community.

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