

GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



December is holiday month and also the countdown for the New Year. We are pleased to announce that our new documentary *Epilepsy: In Search of Effective Therapies* about refractory epilepsy made its debut in New York. We anticipate that this film will bring a new year of awareness, education, and interest in supporting research into new therapies. The film is now airing on local PBS stations and can be viewed on our website.

The 60th Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society gets into full swing early in December. Nearly 4,000 attendees are expected, and Epilepsy.com/Professionals will be there to bring you the latest, cutting-edge research findings.

On behalf of all of us at Epilepsy.com, I wish to extend to you, and those within your circle of family and friends, a happy and peaceful holiday season. I also wish to thank you for your dedication to our website. As always, I am interested in your comments and suggestions.

Wishing you a Joyful and Healthy Holiday Season,

Steven C. Schachter, MD
Editor-in-Chief



HALLWAY CONVERSATIONS

Hallway Conversations present the views of two epilepsy experts on an important topic or recent research study. This month we feature two new Hallway Conversations:

- [Prognosis for Seizure Recurrence in Seizure-Free Patients After Stopping Antiepileptic Drugs: A Long-Term Population-Based Study of Childhood-Onset Epilepsy](#)
- [Evaluation of the First Seizure\(s\): Are Patients Presenting with Multiple Seizures Within 24 Hours at Greater Risk for Seizure Recurrence within One Year than Patients Presenting with a Single Seizure?](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming epilepsy-related conferences, symposia and events include:

March 21-March 24, 2007
[Antiepileptic Drug Trials IX](#)
Sunny Isles, Florida USA

UPCOMING EVENTS

[American Epilepsy Society meeting in San Diego, December 1-5](#)

Honors: Epilepsy.com Editor-in-Chief Steven Schachter,

Do you agree with the experts?

RING CHROMOSOME SYNDROME

Ring Chromosome syndrome (RC20) is one of a number of chromosomal disorders associated with refractory epilepsy. A ring chromosome is formed by the fusion of two arms of a chromosome during pre-natal development. Why the formation of the ring causes epilepsy and other symptoms of the syndrome is not well understood.

To learn more, go to:

professionals.epilepsy.com/page/Ring_Chromosome_20_Syndrome.html

AES CONFERENCE NEWS

Didn't make it to the American Epilepsy Society's (AES) inaugural mid-year meeting in Chicago? Not to worry - we have it for you in our conference section. Just click and sit back for the best seat in the house. Go to: professionals.epilepsy.com/page/aes_mid_year_conference2006.html

Epilepsy.com Editor-in-Chief Steven Schachter, MD was elected Second Vice-President of the AES at its 60th annual meeting.

NEW DOCUMENTARY - EPILEPSY: IN SEARCH OF EFFECTIVE THERAPIES

The reality of refractory epilepsy, which is rarely addressed on national television, is now ready for prime time. Our first film screening was held in Manhattan. We expect that this film will bring about a new sense of awareness and appreciation for the need for new epilepsy therapies. Documentary is available for On Demand viewing on epilepsy.com/professionals. To view the documentary now in Windows Media format click here: <http://www.epilepsy.com/media/HBMMHQ.asx>

STAY TUNED

- Challenging patient cases that puzzle the experts
- Database of the names of seizure drugs used in different countries around the world

MD, and Epilepsy.com Resource Consultant Patricia Osborne Shafer will be honored at the 60th Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society (AES) in December. Dr. Schachter is the recipient of the AES Service Award, which recognizes outstanding service in the field of epilepsy with emphasis on exemplary contributions to the welfare of the American Epilepsy Society and its members. Ms. Shafer will receive the J. Kiffen Penry Award for excellence in epilepsy care.

The Hoyer Lecture: Daniel H. Lowenstein, MD, will be speaking on: "Pathways to Discovery in Epilepsy Research: Rethinking the Quest for Cures" at the fourth annual Judith Hoyer Lecture in Epilepsy at the AES meeting. The lecture is being sponsored by the [National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke](#).

Join Us at the AES Meeting

If you are planning to attend the American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting in San Diego, California in December 2006, please be sure to visit us at the following:

Sunday, and Monday, December 3rd and 4th: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - San Diego Convention Center

Visit our exhibit booth (#120) and experience a guided tour through epilepsy.com, and epilepsy.com/professionals. Preview our latest project; a compelling new PBS documentary about refractory epilepsy! Learn about research grant opportunities, and much, much more.

Monday, December 4th: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Marriott San Diego Hotel & Marina, Columbia Rooms 1 & 2

Epilepsy Research Awards Reception
Celebrate with us as we announce the newest Epilepsy Research Foundation award recipients.

Tuesday, December 5th: 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - San Diego Convention Center, Room 2

Special Interest Group Meeting on Translational Research - Commercialization Pathways for Devices
Coordinators: Orrin Devinsky, MD and Warren Lammert

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 jacki@epilepsytdp.org or fax it to (703) 437-4288, and we'll take it from there. Thanks!!

ABOUT THE EPILEPSY THERAPY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



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The **Epilepsy Therapy Development 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 Development 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.

To learn more about our programs, please visit our website: www.epilepsytdp.org. To make a difference, we need your ongoing support and contributions. Help us to extend our mission of advancing new therapies for people living with epilepsy. For more information on how you can donate, please visit: www.epilepsytdp.org/sec/contribute.