

GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



While most of us think of February as a month of St. Valentine, who is called the Patron Saint of Epilepsy, we are busy preparing for the Epilepsy Pipeline Conference, to be held in San Francisco on March 13, 2008. For those of you who can't make it, we will bring you highlights of the conference.

Breaking News and the FDA alert: We have all read about the FDA alert with regard to suicidality and AEDs. Our professional and public sites carry complete information. In addition we have a feature called Fast Facts and FAQs regarding AEDs and mood disorders.

- **Perspectives:** Developing a hybrid neuroprosthesis for epilepsy treatment is about novel intracranial therapy, and how an academic-based epileptologist and a team can develop a device for epilepsy.
- **Physician-driven plan helps solve the employment dilemma:** A glimpse at the California Pacific Medical Center's program to help people with epilepsy transition into the workforce.
- **The results of epilepsy.com Instapolls presented at AES:** The results of our Instapolls provide snapshots of visitors to *epilepsy.com*.
- **A journey because of epilepsy:** Jim Chambliss talks about his epilepsy and his resulting journey from artist to working with physicians to help give a voice to other artists with epilepsy.
- **Ketogenic Conferences:** A survey of past and future conferences where ideas are exchanged among health care professionals to benefit patients.

For your patients:

- **Our new website design:** A navigational trip through our site re-design with even more suggestions and hints for users.
- **Creating a seizure plan:** An introduction and template for making a seizure plan that can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your patients.
- **FAQs regarding AEDs and mood disorders:** This Q and A should help your patients gain perspective on this new FDA alert.

We hope you find these features informative. Please let us know how we can make it even better. Thank you in advance for your suggestions.

Sincerely,

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

March 13-March 13, 2008

[Epilepsy Pipeline Update: Portal into CNS Opportunities](#)
San Francisco, CA

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.

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