

GREETINGS FROM OUR CO-FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN,



As we enter into a new year, I would like to say thank you for participating in the epilepsy.com community, and I want to ask you for your support. Epilepsy.com and our parent, the **Epilepsy Therapy Development Project**, have been built by patients, families and professionals working to advance new therapies for people living with epilepsy. In 2005, we made progress in building epilepsy.com into a comprehensive resource and community providing in-depth information on epilepsy and available

therapies, and our audience grew to more than 200,000 unique visitors each month. Our New Therapy Grants (made in partnership with the Epilepsy Foundation, the NYU Finding a Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures and the Milken Family Foundation) supported eight new projects with **\$800,000 in total support**. Our strategic investments and support of new companies and therapies underpinned the progress of several promising therapies and helped foster partnerships that will provide funding for very costly later stage clinical trials. Finally, we were fortunate to have Bill Braunlich, the past Chairman of the Epilepsy Foundation, join us as our new full-time President.

New therapies in epilepsy are badly needed as are funds to drive them out of the lab and into commercial development. Some 2.8 million people in the US alone live with epilepsy. While the last 10 years have brought new therapies to patients, very marginal progress has been made in providing seizure control to the some 30-35% facing uncontrolled seizures. Many others continue to suffer unacceptable side-effects from the available medications. The amount of private support for research and new therapies is simply unacceptable measured against the devastating impact epilepsy and seizures have on the lives of so many individuals and families. We as a community need to step it up.

Led by Bill Braunlich, our outstanding Scientific and Business Advisory Boards and our epilepsy.com and project management teams, we want to take our efforts to a new level. In 2006, we plan to continue working to build epilepsy.com, providing deeper content throughout the site and offering new tools for patients and professionals to help manage epilepsy. And we hope to increase our support for promising new therapies and to invest in efforts like a clinical trials consortium that can take time and costs out of the process of doing proof-of-principle trials for new drugs and devices.

To make a difference, we need your support and contributions.

To make contributions on-line or for further information, please see <http://www.epilepsy.com/epilepsy/donation.html>.

One easy way to provide support for research and therapies at no cost to you is to use our online shopping mall, <http://shop.epilepsy.com/>, to make all kinds of online purchases through a wide range of merchants including Amazon.com, Gap, Target and many others. Start your online shopping through our convenient mall and a percentage of every dollar you spend will support the Epilepsy Therapy Development Project.

Thank you. Let's step up together to make real progress against this

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming epilepsy-related conferences, symposiums and events include:

April 1 - April 8, 2006

American Academy of Neurology 58th Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA

May 03 - May 06, 2006

25th Annual Meeting of the American Pain Society
San Antonio, Texas

May 10 - May 14, 2006

1st East Mediterranean Epilepsy Congress
Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

June 11 - June 16, 2006

10th International Child Neurology Congress
Montreal, Canada

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

terrible disease!.

Warren Lammert

WHAT'S NEW?

New Continuing Medical Education Course


As part of our commitment to providing you with clinical practice tools you can use, we are excited to bring you our newest Continuing Medical Education Course, which focuses on Epilepsy and Female Reproductive Milestones

To learn more go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/cme_women.html

Does Treatment Aggressiveness Affect the Prognosis of Refractory Status Epilepticus?

Status epilepticus (SE) is a medical emergency that requires rapid and aggressive treatment to prevent neuronal damage, systemic complications and death. When the seizures associated with SE do not respond to initial drug therapy, becoming what is known as refractory status epilepticus (RSE), clinicians are encouraged to take very aggressive treatment measures, including: coma induction and EEG suppression. But how does treatment aggressiveness affect the prognosis of RSE? This is the question Edward Bromfield, M.D, Brigham & Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Andrea Rossetti, M.D., Swiss National Science Foundation, and Giancarlo Logroscino, M.D., PhD, Harvard School of Public Health, addressed in their latest research study. They presented their findings at the American Epilepsy Society's 59th Annual meeting in Washington, DC. To read more go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1137603549.html

Medicare D & Your Clinical Practice

If your patients have been left dazed and confused by the amount of information out there about Medicare Part D, don't despair. Epilepsy.com is making it easier to understand the ins and outs of Medicare Part D. Now, everything you and your patients wanted to know regarding prescription drug coverage through Medicare is available on epilepsy.com! 

CALL FOR NEW THERAPY GRANT SUBMISSIONS FOR EPILEPSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION



The Epilepsy Research Foundation, a unique partnership bringing together three leading not-for-profit groups with a common mission of accelerating translational research in epilepsy - the [Epilepsy Therapy Development Project](#) (formerly The Epilepsy Project), the [Epilepsy Foundation](#) and [Finding a Cure for Epilepsy and](#)

[Seizures \(FACES\)](#) - is requesting proposals for its New Therapy Grants Program. The program seeks to bring new therapies to patients by supporting translational research and early stage commercialization.

The Epilepsy Research Foundation is selectively providing grants to scientific and clinical investigators pursuing innovative, high impact projects that demonstrate a clear path to commercialization from the lab to the patient. Proposals including matched funding from commercial partners will be given a priority review. We anticipate awarding grants of \$100,000 on average although larger grants and multi-year grants will be considered. To view the list of projects previously funded please see: www.epilepsytdp.org/sec/funds_awarded.

All proposals for the New Therapy Grants Program will be evaluated by the Epilepsy Research Foundation's review board.

For additional details on grant proposal requirements please visit: www.epilepsytdp.org/grants. For more information, please contact kim@epilepsytdp.org.

ABOUT THE EPILEPSY THERAPY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



The [Epilepsy Therapy Development Project](#) is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. The organization was founded by three fathers 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 [The Epilepsy Therapy Development Project](#). You can help us reach our goals and continue support of epilepsy.com with your [donations](#).