

## GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Wishing all of you New Year greetings from all of us at *epilepsy.com*.

There were many highlights of 2007 for *epilepsy.com*, *epilepsy.com/professionals* and its parent organization, The Epilepsy Therapy Project (ETP). To name a few:

- Presentation of a series of issues that were of concern to professionals and the public: post traumatic epilepsy and seizure preparedness
- Introduction of the Perspectives series on drug and medical device development
- Launch of comprehensive videos
- Design of downloadable medication sheets for physicians and patients
- Breaking news sections for medical alerts and drugs including feature on skyrocketing drug prices for infantile spasms
- A site redesign to facilitate patient interaction

In addition, we were proud to see *epilepsy.com* receive the Silver e-Leadership Award for best disease management and patient care site.

Our New Year's resolution for 2008 is to bring you more news, more interviews, and more features.

To kick off 2008, we are pleased to present the following features:

- [Perspectives on Drug and Medical Device Development: 2007](#)
- [Hallway Highlights: 2007](#)
- The Epilepsy Pipeline Conference: An Invitation to Patients and Families from Warren Lammert ([Need Link](#))
- [Childhood Epilepsy and Family Impact: An interview with Carol Camfield, MD](#)
- [Mood Symptoms and AEDs: an interview with Cynthia Harden, MD](#)
- [Medication Alert: Carbamazepine](#). Barry Gidal, PharmD, tells us what the FDA recommends before your patients start to take carbamazepine, Tegretol, Tegretol XR or Carbatrol
- [Complete drug information for oxcarbazepine, the generic version of Trileptal, which was](#)

## 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.

recently approved by the FDA

- [The Top Ten Ketogenic Articles of 2007 by Eric Kossoff, MD](#)

It has been a busy and exciting year. Our wishes for all of you in 2008 are peace and good health. Most especially, we wish for breakthroughs in new treatments for epilepsy so that every person living with epilepsy can lead a fulfilling and fruitful life.

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 (703) 437-4288, 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.

To learn more about our programs, please visit us at: [www.epilepsy.com/epilepsy\\_therapy\\_project](http://www.epilepsy.com/epilepsy_therapy_project).