

GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Greetings!

I'm pleased to present the many new features and additions to the professional site and to our community site that you may find helpful in your practice.

Epilepsy Syndromes: We have completely revised and updated our section on epilepsy syndromes, thanks to Chrysostomos P. Panayiotopoulos, MD, PhD, FRCP, Consultant Emeritus, Department of Clinical Neurophysiology and Epilepsies, St. Thomas' Hospital, London, England.

Refractory Seizures: Given that more than half of patients with epilepsy taking seizure medicines either continue to have seizures or experience unwanted side effects, we have added a new section called Refractory Seizures to guide you in their management.

Newly-released Results from a Randomized and Controlled Study of the Ketogenic Diet in London Eric Kossoff, MD, editor of *epilepsy.com's* Keto News, reports on the exciting findings of a recent landmark clinical trial of the ketogenic diet and interviews the senior author of the related publication.

For your patients

Medication Compliance: Do your patients find it hard to be compliant with their treatment? We've prepared a new section on medication compliance that offers your patients some tips and strategies.

Senator Ted Kennedy was recently in the news because of a seizure. His subsequent medical evaluation revealed an underlying glioma. Your patients, particularly those in their senior years, might be concerned about the connection between brain tumors and seizures. **Here is a fact sheet to which you can refer them.**

Videos are one of the most popular features of our site. This past month, we added many excellent videos for your patients to view. Here are the particulars:

- **Dan Lowenstein, MD**, Professor of Neurology at UCSF, gives a master class on epilepsy from the EEG to treatment and everything in between. Here's the lineup:

[What is Epilepsy?](#)

[Types of Seizures](#)

[What Causes Epilepsy?](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

June 15-June 19, 2008

[14th Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping](#)
Melbourne, Australia

June 15-June 19, 2008

[Ninth Eilat Conference on New Antiepileptic Drugs \(Eilat IX\)](#)
Sitges, Spain

June 16, 2008

[2008 Evening Lecture Series: Refractory Epilepsy](#)
New York, NY

How is Epilepsy Treated?

Questions and Answers

- **Joyce Cramer, President of the Epilepsy Therapy Project, interviews Dr. Martha Morrell, Professor of Neurology, Stanford University** and Chief Medical Officer, Neuropace, on the RNS® Neurostimulator.
- Courtesy of **Faces** and Orrin Devinsky, MD, Tiki Barber, DJ Hapa, and Chanda Gunn star in this excellent series called "You Can Do This!"

[Learn about seizures and seizure first aid.](#)

[Learn more about first aid for seizures.](#)

[Learn how to effectively assist a person following a seizure.](#)

[Learn about the interaction of alcohol with seizures.](#)

[Learn about what triggers seizures and how to help avoid them.](#)

- Also from Faces, **Jacqueline French, MD**, Professor of Neurology at NYU, and Director of the Clinical Trials Consortium at the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, discusses **side effects of seizure medicines** at a 2008 Faces Evening Lecture.

I hope all of this new content is helpful to you and your patients. Let me know if there's anything else you'd like to see.

Until next month,

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 info@epilepsytherapyproject.org or fax it to (540) 687-8066, and we'll take it from there. Thanks!!

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