

GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



What's the next best thing to attending a medical conference on epilepsy? Watching it on epilepsy.com/Professionals from your home or office! Over the next month, we plan to bring you the proceedings of two epilepsy conferences in their entirety – one held at New York University, and the upcoming AES Mid-Year Meeting. You can also earn CME credits for both, and enjoy the best seat in the house.

We thank you for recommending epilepsy.com to your patients and their family members. We encourage you to suggest that they join the community at my.epilepsy.com. It's a great way to share experiences with others, and explore the content on epilepsy.com. Last month, community members viewed nearly 200,000 pages on epilepsy.com!

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WE'RE GROWING!

What makes Epilepsy.com so unique? Our community! In fact, we now have more than 5,000 members. And the good news is we are continuing to grow. If your patients are in need of support, and an epilepsy community to call their own please be sure to send them to

my.epilepsy.com

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!

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY HIGHLIGHTS

OVULATION FAILURE LINKED TO INCREASED SEIZURE FREQUENCY

Failure of ovulation in women with epilepsy is associated with an increase in seizures, according to a study presented by Andrew Herzog, MD, MSc, Director of the Harvard Neuroendocrine Unit, at this year's 58th annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, held in San Diego.

"It has been recognized for quite a while that menstrual disorders are unusually common in women with epilepsy, occurring in about 36% of women with epilepsy versus 12% in the general population, which is why we are continuing our efforts in researching the relationship between ovulation and seizure frequency," said Herzog.

To read more go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1147785247.html

STUDY IDENTIFIES PREDICTORS FOR EMPLOYMENT AFTER EPILEPSY SURGERY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming epilepsy-related conferences, symposia and events include:

June 15-June 17, 2006

[1st Annual American Epilepsy Society Mid-Year Meeting](#)
Oak Brook, Illinois

June 17, 2006

[Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles | Three Graces Women's Conference](#)
Los Angeles, CA.

June 17-June 22, 2006

[Associated Professional Sleep Societies 20th Annual Meeting](#)
Salt Lake City, Utah

“The best predictor for gainful employment postsurgically is to have been working before surgery,” said Andres Kanner, MD, Professor of Neurological Sciences, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois, at the 58th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, San Diego. To read more go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1147953790.html

YOUNG CHILDREN LESS LIKELY TO GAIN WEIGHT FROM VALPROATE

Children younger than 12 years of age did not gain weight on valproate, according to the results of a retrospective study presented by Patricio Espinosa, MD, MPH at this year's 58th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology held in San Diego.

To read more go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1147961448.html

QOLIE-89 MISSES IMPACT OF OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA ON QUALITY OF LIFE

Quality of life in people with intractable epilepsy, as measured by the QOLIE-89 questionnaire, is not affected by symptoms of sleep apnea, according to a study performed by Bradley Vaughn, MD, Professor of Neurology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC and sleep specialists at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Vaughn presented their research findings at the 58th annual AAN, meeting San Diego.

To read more go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1147960886.html

2006 AES MID-YEAR MEETING: A CME PROGRAM YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Only a few days away, the AES Mid-Year Meeting will offer educational opportunities and the chance to meet others on the frontline of epilepsy care.

To learn more go to: <http://www.aesnet.org/Visitors/ProfessionalDevelopment/midyear/postcard.cfm>

June 23-June 24, 2006

American Academy of Neurological & Orthopaedic Surgeons 30th Annual Meeting
Nashville, TN

July 02-July 06, 2006

7th European Congress on Epileptology
Helsinki, Finland

July 13-July 16, 2006

Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance National Conference
Bloomingdale, IL

July 26-July 29, 2006

International Neuropsychological Society Mid-Year Meeting
Zurich, Switzerland

July 27-July 30, 2006

6th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

July 28-August 08, 2006

5th International Course on Epilepsy: Surgically Remediable Epilepsies
Venice International University, San Servolo, Venice, Italy

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.epilepsy.com/epilepsy/donation.html.