

## GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



We've been busy this spring, so let's get right to it!

Seizure preparedness and seizure medications from a world wide perspective headline a full plate of offerings this month.

**Seizure Preparedness** – This in-depth guide in 10 sections is designed to help physicians, caretakers, and persons with epilepsy manage seizures. It addresses emergencies, treatments, travel, and safety. This is the most significant addition to epilepsy.com since it launched and will grow even more over time.

Go to: <http://www.epilepsy.com/epilepsy/preparedness.html>

**Rufinamide** – Eisai Medical Research, Inc. acquired exclusive North American and European manufacturing and marketing rights to rufinamide from Novartis Pharma, AG, in 2004. In January of this year, Inovelon® (rufinamide) received marketing authorization in the European Union as adjunctive therapy in Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome. For physicians in Europe, here is useful information about Inovelon® that you can recommend to your patients. Go to: [http://www.epilepsy.com/medications/i\\_inovelon\\_intro.html](http://www.epilepsy.com/medications/i_inovelon_intro.html)

**A Physician's Perspective: Finding Medications Anywhere in the World** – For physician and patient use, Robert Fisher, MD, PhD, from Stanford has devised an international AED database. In this perspective he gives answers to questions that physicians are often asked by patients with regard to finding and obtaining medications used in other countries. Go to: [http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar\\_1180557801.html](http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1180557801.html)

**Hallway Conversations** – The US Food and Drug Administration is seeking to determine whether to approve rufinamide as an add-on therapy for partial seizures with or without secondary generalization in adults and adolescents 12 years of age and older, and for Lennox-Gastaut syndrome in children ages 4 and over. We asked two experts to share their opinions with us. Watch for their interviews in the coming week. Go to: [http://professionals.epilepsy.com/secondary/hallway\\_conversations.html](http://professionals.epilepsy.com/secondary/hallway_conversations.html)

**Challenging Cases** – Professor Paolo Tinuper at the University of Bologna is author of "Syncope In A Patient With Temporal Lobe Epilepsy," our featured presentation this month. He is in charge of the University's Epilepsy Center and the EEG laboratory of the Department of Neurological Sciences. Read how he solved this difficult case. Go to: [http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/case\\_5.html](http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/case_5.html)

We invite you to submit a perspective of your own on a practice or policy that you believe will be beneficial to other physicians and their patients. Or contact us and we will set up an interview with you.

In this month of June, good wishes to dads, grads, and honeymooners.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming epilepsy-related conferences, symposia and events include:

**July 08-July 12, 2007**

**27th International Epilepsy Congress**  
Suntec City, Singapore



## NEW AT [epilepsy.com](http://epilepsy.com) /Professionals

### The Epilepsy Electronic Textbook

This electronic textbook is designed for medical students; neurology, neurosurgery, internal medicine and pediatric residents; and nursing students. It pertains to all facets of seizures and epilepsy. The book was designed as a perpetual textbook that can easily be updated as new therapies and diagnostic strategies for the management of this condition evolves. The text is organized into four sections. Each section consists of PDF text along with Power Point slides so that they can be easily downloaded for use in lectures or other medical educational activities. There is also a section of clinical cases to generate discussion of case management. Go to [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=epilepsy](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=epilepsy)

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

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## ABOUT THE EPILEPSY THERAPY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



The [Epilepsy Therapy Development Project](http://EpilepsyTherapyDevelopmentProject.org) 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.

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