

GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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

AED IX – When leaders from around the world recently met to review advances in new therapies for epilepsy, they discussed ways of accelerating the development of treatments. To read about the latest research into new therapies for patients with refractory seizures, go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1177624482.html

(Also, watch for further articles in the coming weeks on our conference pages.)

CURE Conference – A special poster session for young investigators was held just prior to the **Curing Epilepsy 2007 conference**. *Epilepsy.com* was there to conduct interviews and take photos. Go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1177626398.html

A Video Book about Epilepsy – Roy Sucholeiki, MD, developed and directed the first comprehensive epilepsy program in the far western suburbs of Chicago. To help his patients gain a better understanding of epilepsy, he created an informational DVD that he is sharing with us. To read, see, and hear more, go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1177516896.html

Challenging Cases – This month we present “If At First You Don’t Succeed...”, the story of a child whose convulsions began at 15 months. To read this case by Andrew Wilner, MD, go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/case_3.html

The Driving Controversy – In our latest Hallway Conversations, we asked two experts to explore questions that focus on whether or not physicians should be required to report patients with epilepsy who continue to drive against medical advice. To see if you agree with their perspectives, watch for their comments this coming week at: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/secondary/hallway_conversations.html

Resources: Our new resource features this month include:

- International AED name database. What do you do if a patient from another country gives you the names of their seizure medications, but you don't recognize those names? Now you can consult this international AED database, which allows you to search by brand names, generics, countries, and companies. <http://www.ilae.org/visitors/centre/aeds/epilepsy/professionals/>
- With the increasing interest in generic seizure medications, we have prepared a chart that outlines state-by-state laws or statutes governing the generic substitution of medications by pharmacists: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/statutes_by_pharmacists.html and another chart that provides Medicaid rules for generic AED substitutions state by state: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/medicaid_state.html
- Our exciting new series continues! It is important that patients and families have information about seizure medicines in a format that is easy to read and understand. New AED information sheets, that can be printed out or downloaded to use in educating patients and their families have been added to our site – carbamazepine, Tegretol, Tegretol XR, Carbatrol, phenobarbital, Luminal, levetiracetam, Keppra, zonisamide and Zonegran: http://www.epilepsy.com/epilepsy/seizure_medicines.html

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming epilepsy-related conferences, symposia and events include:

July 08-July 12, 2007

27th International Epilepsy Congress
Suntec City, Singapore

One of the world's largest gatherings of neurology professionals, **The American Academy of Neurology**, is holding its Annual Meeting this month in Boston, my home town. The AAN brings together more than 10,000 neurologists and neuroscientists to share groundbreaking research and participate in a comprehensive curriculum-based educational program. We will be bringing you meeting highlights soon.

What more could we do to help you in caring for patients with epilepsy? Please contact me with any and all suggestions.

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NEW AT /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

WE NEED YOUR HELP

/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](http://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!!

ABOUT THE EPILEPSY THERAPY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



The [Epilepsy Therapy Development Project](http://epilepsytdp.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.

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:

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