

## GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



This month we focus on topics in the news and information that will be helpful to you and to your patients: Pregnancy and epilepsy, a comprehensive report from the Health Outcomes in Pregnancy and Epilepsy (HOPE) Forum; the effects of AED medication on sleep, continued coverage of traumatic brain injury affecting our soldiers, generic drugs, Halloween alternatives for ketogenic patients, preventing seizure emergencies, and new book releases.

Here are the details:

- **Health Outcomes in Pregnancy and Epilepsy (HOPE) Groups:** Here you will find articles about:
  - Introductory Overview
  - Members of HOPE
  - Basic Principles of Study Design
  - Epidemiology and Ethics, Scientific Integrity, Regulatory Control
  - Pregnancy Registries and Release of Negative Information
- **AEDs, Sleep, and Seizures** by Carl Bazil, MD, PhD, talks about the effects of drugs on sleep and presents a full AED chart.
- **Hallway Conversations:** Joseph I. Sirven, MD, and Ilo Leppik, MD, talk about Seniors, AEDs, and Epilepsy
- **Caring for Our Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury at Risk for Developing Epilepsy:** We are linking to information, legislation and an upcoming feature that will be of interest to you.
- **Generic Drugs:** The media is talking about generic drugs. You will find news links and links on the homepage to information about generics.
- **Halloween Alternatives – Celebrating Safely:** This is designed for your patients on the ketogenic diet, filled with sugar-free suggestions for Halloween.
- **Understanding Seizures and Emergencies:** This overview has many downloadable sheets in My Resource Kit that will be helpful to your patients in managing their seizures.

I want to thank many of you for your suggestions on how to improve *epilepsy.com*. As of next month, you should be seeing enhancements to our site, and I look forward to your thoughts.

**Steven C. Schachter, MD**  
Editor-in-Chief

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

### November 02-04, 2007

50th anniversary of the seminal study on “Syndrome of Acquired Aphasia with Convulsive Disorder in Children”  
Alden-Biesen, Belgium

### November 03, 2007

Advances in Tuberous Sclerosis:  
From Pathway to Therapy  
Sydney, Australia

### November 14, 2007

2007 CIMIT Innovation Congress  
Three featured talks at this event will be on epilepsy  
Boston, MA




## 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 PowerPoint 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

 /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 [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 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](http://epilepsy.com) and [epilepsy.com/professionals](http://epilepsy.com/professionals). We are working to build [epilepsy.com/professionals](http://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](http://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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