

GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



The possible effects of anticonvulsant treatment on the developing fetus are a major concern for physicians and prospective parents, and just one of many important issues relating to the care of women with epilepsy. This month we are pleased to announce the addition of a great deal of information to our women's section, and a downloadable checklist that will help you be sure to cover this information with your patients. This is one of the most comprehensive discussions of women's issues related to epilepsy available on the web, and I encourage you to explore this new section.

The Epilepsy Therapy Development Project (ETDP) is the parent organization of the Professionals. Epilepsy.com website. This month we feature an update from ETDP, showcasing recent accomplishments and activities.

Do you have any suggestions or feedback for me? Just email the [webmaster](#) and I'll be happy to read your comments and advice.

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PHYSICIAN DISCUSSION CHECKLIST & GUIDE FOR WOMEN WITH EPILEPSY

Addressing all the unique challenges your female patients with epilepsy face from menarche to menopause can be overwhelming. There is so much information and research it is difficult to know where to start. That is why Epilepsy.com, through the support of The Epilepsy Therapy Development Project, is pleased to roll out our latest clinical practice tools—a discussion checklist and discussion guide for women with epilepsy. Now, you not only have a starting point, but a comprehensive resource that enables you to provide the best possible care to your female patients with epilepsy.

- Physician's Discussion Checklist
http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/women_checklist.html
- Discussion Guide http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/women_guide.html

ETDP UPDATE

The mission of the Epilepsy Therapy Development Project (Epilepsy TDP) is to advance new treatments for everyone living with epilepsy. Thanks to your efforts and contributions Epilepsy TDP is making a

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming epilepsy-related conferences, symposia and events include:

October 08-October 11, 2006
**131st Annual Meeting of the
American Neurological Association**
Chicago, Illinois

October 14-October 18, 2006
**Society for Neuroscience 36th Annual
Meeting**
Atlanta, GA

October 24-October 29, 2006
**53rd Annual Meeting of the American
Academy of Child and Adolescent
Psychiatry 2006**
San Diego, California

October 29-November 02, 2006

difference although we have a long way to go.
To read more go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/secondary/etdp_news_update.html

LATEST RESEARCH NEWS

Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs) can increase the risk of birth defects in children born to women with epilepsy. A recent publication focused on major fetal complications in women taking AEDs. We interviewed the lead author, Dr. Kimford Meador.

To read more go to: http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1157636804.html

STAY TUNED

- AED drug interaction information sheets

10th International Congress of
Parkinson's Disease and Movement
Disorders
Kyoto, Japan

December 01-December 05, 2006
60th Annual Meeting of the American
Epilepsy Society
San Diego, California

ABOUT THE EPILEPSY THERAPY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



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.epilepsytdp.org/sec/contribute.

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!!