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EPILEPSY

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2025

09:00-10:40 Epilepsy		HALL B
Chairs:	Lilach Goldstein , Israel; Ivan Rektor , Czech Republic	
09:00-09:50	Are the newest drugs for epilepsy, cenobamate and fenfluramine better than the older drugs?	
	<i>Capsule: Drugs introduced to treat epilepsy in the 1990's and 2000's did not produce seizure freedom at greater rates than older drugs. Are the newest drugs better?</i>	
09:00-09:10	Moderator: Maria Mazurkiewicz-Betdzinska , Poland Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting	
09:10-09:25	Yes: Michael Sperling , USA	
09:25-09:40	No: Zeljka Petelin Gadze , Croatia	
09:40-09:50	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting	
09:50-10:40	Should we still use therapeutic drug monitoring when treating our patients with epilepsy?	
	<i>Capsule: Does therapeutic drug monitoring really lead to better outcomes and seizure control or is management using clinical parameters adequate?</i>	
09:50-10:00	Moderator: Ruta Mameniskiene , Lithuania Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting	
10:00-10:15	Yes: Ilan Blatt , Israel	
10:15-10:30	No: Manjari Tripathi , India	
10:30-10:40	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting	



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13:10-14:50 Epilepsy (continued)		HALL B
Chairs	Hadassa Goldberg-Stern , Israel; Nandan Yardi , India	
13:10-14:00	Should we use add-on therapy or substitution therapy for epilepsy when the first drug does not work?	
	<i>Capsule: For most patients, is add-on and substitution of a new drug best when the first drug fails to control seizures? What is the evidence?</i>	
13:10-13:20	Moderator: Elinor Ben Menachem , Sweden Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting	
13:20-13:35	Add on: Alla Guekht , Russia	
13:35-13:50	Substitution: Andreas Schulze-Bonhage , Germany	
13:50-14:00	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting	
14:00-14:50	<i>Case studies.</i> Michael Sperling , USA	
14:00-14:40	<i>Case Discussion:</i> intractable epilepsy and seizure clusters. Established and novel therapies, and administration methods, including trans-nasal. Michael Sperling , USA & Faculty	
14:40-14:50	Discussion	



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15:20-17:00		Epilepsy (continued)	HALL B
Chairs	Andreja Bujan Kovač , Croatia; Tetyana Litovchenko , Ukraine		
15:20-16:10	Should we be targeting nuclei for deep brain stimulation other than the anterior thalamic nucleus for drug-resistant focal epilepsy?		
	<i>Capsule: Stimulation of the anterior nucleus of the thalamus has been shown to reduce seizure frequency in a randomized controlled trial. Multiple subocortical thalamic nuclei, including pulvinar and centromedian, are being now stimulated instead in clinical practice. Is this justified?</i>		
15:20-15:30	Moderator: Irena Dolezalova , Czech Republic Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting		
15:30-15:45	Yes: Elinor Ben-Menachem , Sweden		
15:45-16:00	No: Martin Holtkamp , Germany		
16:00-16:10	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting		
16:10-17:00	Should we treat seizures that we see in the subclinical electrographic seizures in EEG in status epilepticus when clinical seizures have stopped?		
	<i>Capsule: It is common to see electrographic seizures after cessation of status epilepticus in the intensive care unit. Can we justify treating these with continued aggressive therapy? Is there evidence to support improved outcome with or without treatment?</i>		
16:10-16:20	Moderator: Vladimir Komarek , Czech Republic Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting		
16:20-16:35	Yes: Ilan Blatt , Israel		
16:35-16:50	No: Irena Dolezalova , Czech Republic		
16:50-17:00	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting		