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Epilepsy Phenome/Genome Project

The Epilepsy Phenome/Genome Project (EPGP) is the largest study ever created to understand how genetics influences epilepsy. Researchers around the United States have collected blood samples and detailed seizure histories on a group of people with epilepsy. This information will be used to identify genes that contribute to a person developing epilepsy and the response to seizure medications. The hope is that this information will reveal new insights and improve diagnosis and treatment, and answer troubling questions.

To understand the complex genetics of epilepsy, researchers enrolled people with epilepsy (not due to a known reason like stroke, head injury, or brain infection) who also have a brother, sister, parent, or child with epilepsy. The study also enrolled participants who have seizures due to Infantile Spasms, Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, polymicrogyria, or periventricular heterotopias. Although the results of the study will apply to many different people with epilepsy, focusing this research effort on very specific types of epilepsy will allow the genetic analysis to be completed faster.

For more info, visit www.epgp.org

New Therapy

The New Therapy—Commercialization Grants Program is focusing on new therapies and an actual cure for epilepsy. They fund different studies and research opportunities for these findings. After all the time spent in the past, they have teamed up with scientists and researchers around the globe to make life easier and find an ultimate cure for seizure disorders.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Want to get plugged in but don't know how?

The Epilepsy Association of Oklahoma is always looking for new volunteers. It's an excellent opportunity to meet fellow people and be involved with something great.

If you're interested, contact Jenniafer Walters by phone at (405) 271-3232 or by email: epilepsy-ok@prodigy.net

Current Medications

Below are the names of current seizure medications:

- Ativan
- Banzel
- Carbatrol
- Depakene
- Depakote
- Depakote ER
- Diamox Sequels
- Diastat Acudial
- Dilantin
- Felbatol
- Gabitril
- HP Acthar Gel
- Keppra
- Keppra XR
- Klonopin
- Lamictal
- Lyrica
- Mysoline
- Neurontin
- Onfi
- Phenobarbital
- Phenytek
- Potiga
- Sabril (for children)
- Sabril (for adults)
- Tegretol
- Tegretol XR
- Topamax
- Tranxene
- Trileptal
- Vimpat
- Zarontin
- Zonegran

Be sure to talk to your neurologist about any of these medications!

Support Groups

The Lynn Institute in the NW part of Oklahoma City has offered to host a support group, as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and seek support.

For more information on the Lynn Institute Support Group possibility, contact Jessica Tirado at (405) 602-3928.

Point of Interest

Visit the website for Office of Disability Concerns at www.odc.ok.gov or call (405) 521-3756 or 1-800-522-8224. They also have an email address: dalene.barton@odc.ok.gov.

Shout Out of Appreciation

I would like to personally thank Eric Miller with The Candlelight Concert for allowing The Epilepsy Association of Oklahoma to be a part of Eric Clapton concert. To all my volunteers who took time out of their busy lives to help bring awareness to Epilepsy that night: THANK YOU!

Volunteers:

Kevin W., Nichole W., Julie G, Rita H., Meredith E., Brandon W., Jessica T., Charlotte R., and a special thanks to our camera men Jimmie and Justin. Justin & Jimmie donated their free time to film and take picture of this event THANK YOU! You can see the video on our website under "In Appreciation."

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I would like to give a special THANK YOU to Dale Davis in Owasso OK. Dale put together a 5krun/walk over last weekend and it was amazing event and the first one ever in Oklahoma. To all of his supporters and sponsors THANK YOU. To my volunteers who took time out of their busy lives to travel there THANK YOU! Kevin W., Nichole W., Jessica T. & family, and Emily. A Big special THANKS to Amanda & John Fuston who traveled from Kansas. I'm very proud and very much appreciative of you all. Coming soon to our website and Facebook will be pictures of this event.

**Sincerely, The President of the Epilepsy Association of Oklahoma
Jenniafer Walters**

I would love to give a "BIG THANK YOU" to Mr. Kevin Hill who has created our new AMAZING website. Mr. Hill has donated his free time and has worked many long hours to add information to our website for Oklahoma people who are looking for help and answers. He has made my life a little easier with being able to reach our people in the state of Oklahoma and I cannot thank you enough. God bless you for all your support and help.

Please visit our website at www.okepilepsy.org.

Sincerely,

Jenniafer Walters, the President of The Epilepsy Association of Oklahoma.