

Albanian League Against Epilepsy 2021-2022 Report

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ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We have gathered on Epilepsy Day, to discuss with the residents of Neurology and Neurosurgery about the new ILAE classification and epilepsy syndromes.
- We organized an educational activity with neurologists working in Neurology and Neurosurgery and residents and nurses, discussing the topics in the Continuum Epilepsy, to update our knowledge on epilepsy diagnosis, radiological findings, and treatments.
- In June we organized a workshop on VNS, in collaboration with LivaNova staff and engineers to discuss indications and the outcome of VNS in epilepsy patients.



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CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022

- There is a lot of stigma about epilepsy in the general population. It is important to talk with the patients and their families about this disease and treatments.
- Many drugs are not fully reimbursed, and it is important discussing with the government to make a positive effort in this regard.
- VNS is still not possible in Albania. More efforts should be done with the government.

FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023

- We will make further activities to help spread the knowledge about epilepsy and epilepsy syndromes through patients, medical students, and nurses.
- It is important to improve nurse care and educations for such patients.

- Try to raise awareness of the Albanian government to help do more on the epilepsy drugs reimbursement and possibly introduce VNS for those patients which may benefit from this device.

RESEARCH AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Epilepsy stigma perception of medical students in Albania
- Serla Grabova
- Poster presentation in EEC 2022

MEETINGS

14th European Epilepsy Congress, Geneva Switzerland



Update on Epilepsy, Epilepsy Day



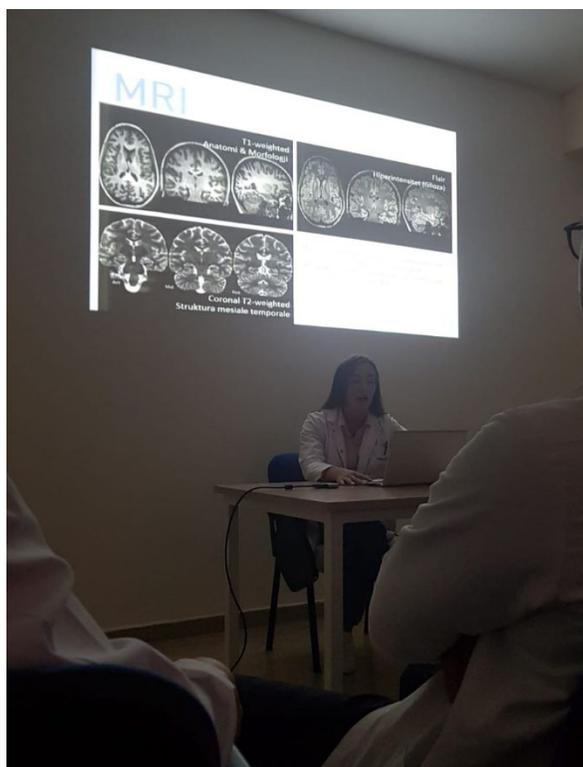
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