

Salvadorean League Against Epilepsy

2021-2022 Report

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Officer Election Date: November 2021

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participation in the creation of technical guidelines for comprehensive care for people with epilepsy and epileptic seizures for the national health system
- Creation of Guidelines for the care of patients with epilepsy and Clinical Practice Guide for the treatment of adults diagnosed with drug-resistant epilepsy at the Salvadoran Institute of Social Security
- Socialization of the Guidelines for the comprehensive management of patients with epilepsy in El Salvador, National Health System in the 5 regions of the country
- Creation of a Technical Committee on Epilepsy with subsequent work meetings of the technical committee on epilepsy in collaboration with the Office of Non-Transmissible Chronic Diseases of the Ministry of Health of El Salvador (MINSAL)
- 1st non-lesioned pathology epilepsy surgery at the Salvadoran Institute of Social Security
- 1st Meeting to form inter-institutional alliances of the National Integrated Health System in favor of epilepsy, with different actors of the national health system
- Creation of a support group for patients at the Benjamin Bloom National Children's Hospital (HNNBB)
- Organization of monthly Epilepsy Webinars for medical personnel and patients with national and international guest speakers
- Celebration of the Virtual Epilepsy Week from 5-9 September with various activities:
- Epilepsy webinars for doctors and patients
- Divulgation of the video "Juanito y la Epilepsia" for children in different schools in the country
- Activity of school students "100 steps for epilepsy"
- Virtual conference for primary school teachers "What to do in the face of an epileptic crisis" in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of El Salvador (MINED)
- Conference on "Temporal Lobe Epilepsy" for medical and paramedical personnel at the ISSS, with more than 200 participants from all over the country

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• Commemoration of the Latin American Epilepsy Day with the purple lighting of the monument "EL Divino Salvador del Mundo"

RESEARCH AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Epigraph Volume 24, Issue 1, Winter 2022

- <u>The El Salvador ILAE chapter is building an epilepsy care infrastructure from scratch.</u> <u>What does that look like?</u>
- <u>El capítulo de la ILAE de El Salvador está construyendo una infraestructura para el cuidado de la epilepsia desde cero. ¿Cómo se ve eso?</u>

CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022

- The reinvention of the chapter after the pandemic years, learning to use virtual media to spread the message of awareness of epilepsy
- Formation of alliances with different instances of the national health system
- Administration of the few economic resources available
- Lack of a comprehensive national epilepsy program

FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023

- Consolidation of the epilepsy technical committee
- Creation of a comprehensive national epilepsy program.
- Raise awareness among local authorities about the need to direct more resources in epilepsy care
- Virtual course on epilepsy for medical and paramedical personnel in primary health care
- Continue with continuous medical education and awareness in epilepsy through virtual and face-to-face means
- Promotion of epilepsy surgery as a viable therapeutic option for the treatment of drugresistant epilepsy.



Socialization of epilepsy guidelines in the western part of the country





Socialization of epilepsy guidelines in the metropolitan area



Presentation of guidelines and guide for the management of epilepsy in the Salvadoran Institute of Social Security

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Technical committee on epilepsy with representatives of the national health system and CASALICE



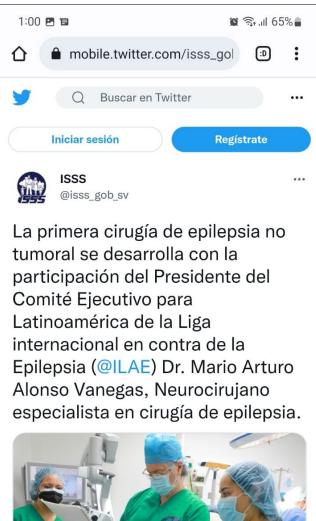
Members of the epilepsy technical committee team





Sharing the video "Juanito y la epilepsia" in primary schools

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Communication on social networks of the first non-lesioned epilepsy surgery at the Social Security Institute





Meeting to seek alliances in epilepsy with members of the national health system



Commemoration of the Latin American day of epilepsy with the purple lighting of the monument "Divino Salvador del Mundo"





Epilepsy webinar for patients and relatives



Webinar on Temporal Lobe Epilepsy, for medical personnel

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