SUDEP Task Force

Annual Report 2023

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HIGHLIGHTS

Annual face-to-face and hybrid meeting in September 2023 at the International Epilepsy Congress (IEC) in Dublin, Ireland, with fruitful discussions on SUDEP definition and counseling

ACTIVITIES

We have met virtually every two months to share information on SUDEP-related activities and to discuss the progress of our deliverables. We have contributed to several events to educate and raise awareness about SUDEP.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The SUDEP Task Force held and contributed to several national and international webinars for physicians, caregivers, and patients on SUDEP risk and preventive measures. We also published a report of a global survey on national recommendations and practices around the world regarding the use of wearable seizure detection devices.

RESEARCH & ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Zelano J, Beniczky S, Ryvlin P, Surges R, Tomson T; ILAE SUDEP Task Force. Report of the ILAE SUDEP Task Force on national recommendations and practices around the world regarding the use of wearable seizure detection devices: A global survey. *Epilepsia Open*. 2023 Dec; 8(4):1271-1278.

Furthermore, Task Force members have published more than 20 SUDEP-related articles in 2023 which were not result of the Task Force work.

MEETINGS

We met six times in 2023: five virtual meetings, one hybrid meeting at the IEC in September in Dublin.

SUDEP Task Force members at the International Epilepsy Congress in Dublin, Ireland, September 2023

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