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EpiNet news

WORKING TOWARD BETTER TREATMENTS FOR EPILEPSY

Welcome to the latest update regarding **EpiNet**.

EpiNet-First Trials

These trials of patients with newly diagnosed epilepsy are now underway; the first patients were recruited in Auckland several weeks ago. There are now several sites in other countries where the trials are also underway. However, we need lots more centres also involved, as we need to get 4400 patients recruited across the 5 trials. The philosophy underpinning **EpiNet** is that it is more efficient to have lots of investigators each recruiting a few patients than expecting small numbers of investigators to find all the patients needed for a trial.

So if you have been uncertain whether you should join in, please do so. We are happy to help you get the approvals you need from your ethics committee and local research governance committee. Please let us know if you need assistance. (epinetadmin@adhb.govt.nz)

If you want further information about the trials, you can find it here:

<http://www.epinet.co.nz/index.cfm?PageID=12>

EpiNet Progress

There are now over 8000 patients who have had records created in the **EpiNet** database.

Belgium is the third country to enter more than 1000 patients. These patients have been entered by two neurologists. Well done Drs Legros and Ossemann!



31st International Epilepsy Congress in Istanbul



We are holding a meeting regarding EpiNet studies at the 31st International Epilepsy Congress in Istanbul. The meeting will be held in the **Rumeli A2 room** (Rumeli Building, ground floor) on **Monday 7th September**, during the lunch break, **13.30-14.30**.

If you are going to be in Istanbul, please come along, and please bring as many colleagues as you can.

New release of EpiNet software

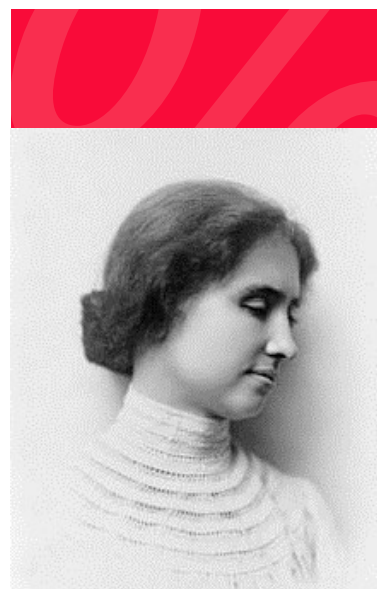
We have just this week released a new version of the EpiNet software. Most of the forms are unchanged, but there are significant changes to the 'EEG' form and the 'Other Important Information' forms. The EEG form now has the ability to record information about seizures that occur during an EEG. The 'Other Important Information' form allows you to record information about Birth history, Developmental history, and Family history. (None of this is mandatory.) These forms have been changed to allow detailed information to be recorded regarding status epilepticus. This form will be released soon.

World Congress

We have had 5 presentations on EpiNet accepted for the World Congress of Neurology meeting in Chile in November. Look out for them, if you are attending that meeting.

Best wishes,
Peter Bergin and Stephanie Walsh

Development of the EpiNet platform costs money. We thank those organisations and sponsors who have contributed to the development of EpiNet to date. If you would like to help with the development of EpiNet, please log-on to our website www.epinet.co.nz and click on the *Sponsorship and Donations* page.



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”
- Helen Keller