



19th International Epilepsy Congress

1-3 March 2023
Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran



CONGRESS PROGRAM



Wednesday 1 March 2023

Time	Welcome - Opening ceremony (AburayhanHall)
8:00 – 8:30	Dr. Hossein Pakdaman (President of Congress)
	Dr. Mahyar Noorbakhsh (Congress Secretary)

Epilepsy in different situation (Aburayhan Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Hossein Pakdaman, Dr. Majid Ghaffarpour, Dr. Mahmoud Reza Ashrafi

Time	Title	Speaker
8:30 – 8:55	Epidemiology of epilepsy in Iran	Dr. Hossein Pakdaman
8:55 – 9:20	Management of seizures caused by internal diseases	Dr. Majid Ghaffarpour
9:20 – 9:45	Advances in the treatment of mitochondrial epilepsy	Dr. Mahmoud Reza Ashrafi
9:45 – 10:10	Treatment of patients with epilepsy and neurodegenerative disorders	Dr. Nasim Tabrizi
10:10 – 10:35	Stroke and epilepsy: New insights	Dr. Sanaz Ahmadi Karvigh
10:35 – 11:00	Q & A	

Clinical Researches (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Melika Akbarimehr, Dr. Ehsan Sharifipour

Time	Title	Speaker
8:30 – 8:45	Ketogenic diet and epilepsy	Mohammad Javad Modarresi
8:45 – 9:00	Complications of Antiepileptic Drugs in Hospitalized Patients in Shahid Motahari Hospital of Urmia from 2010 till the end of 2016	Dr. Ezzatollah Abbasi
9:00 – 9:15	A novel combination of seizures in a 3.5 years old girl with myoclonic absences and epileptic spasms	Dr. Mehran Beiraghi Toosi
9:15 – 9:30	Atypical postictal syndrome (PIS); a rare case report	Dr. Shadi Zamanian
9:30 – 9:45	Practical Approach in Differential diagnosis Between Psychological Sleep events and Sleep Related Epilepsy	Dr. Ahmad Chitsaz

Scientific Researches (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Ehsan Sharifipour, Dr. Sepideh Paybast

Time	Title	Speaker
10:00 – 10:20	New dimension of epilepsy damage on optic and retinal nerves: a systematic review	Dr. Ahmad Negahi
10:20 – 10:40	Predicting seizure attacks using wearable devices based on artificial intelligence	Dr. Vahid Rostami
10:40 – 11:00	The effectiveness of acceptance and commitment therapy on anxiety, alpha and beta waves in generalized epilepsy	Dr. Hoseinali Ebrahimi

Teaching Course (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

Time	Title	Speaker
10:00 – 10:30	Seizure Semiology – Part 1	Dr. Vahid Salehifar
10:30 – 11:00	Seizure Semiology – Part 2	Dr. Mahyar Noorbakhsh
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	

Autoimmune Encephalitis (Aburayhan Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Mahmoud Motamedi, Dr. Vahid Salehifar, Dr. Afshin Samaei

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30 – 11:55	Autoimmune encephalitis diagnosis (Updates and challenging issues)	Dr. Vahid Salehifar
11:55 – 12:20	Autoimmune encephalitis treatment (Updates and challenging issues)	Dr. Mahmoud Motamedi
12:20 – 12:45	Seizure and seizure like movement disorders in autoimmune encephalitis	Dr. Masoud Etemadifar
12:45 – 13:10	Neuroimaging in autoimmune epilepsy	Dr. Aidin Taghiloo
13:10 – 13:30	Q & A	

Terminology and classification (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Mohammad Barzegar, Dr. Ahmad Negahi, Dr. Soheila Rezakhani
Dr. Daruosh Savadi Osguei

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30 – 11:55	Classification of epilepsy syndromes in pediatric age onset	Dr. Mohammad Barzegar
11:55 – 12:20	Definition and classification of GGE	Dr. Nayyereh Akbari
12:20 – 12:45	Classification of focal cortical dysplasia	Dr. Soheila Rezakhani
12:45 – 13:10	Definition and Classification of status epilepticus	Dr. Mehrnaz Tavakolian
13:10 – 13:30	Q & A	

Teaching Course (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30 – 13:30	EEG Moderator: Dr. Seyyed Sohrab Hashemi Fesharaki Panel Members: Dr. Nasim Tabrizi, Dr. Hossein Kahnoji	
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch & Praying	

Epilepsy treatment: General Topics (Aburayhan Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Parviz Bahrami, Dr. Behnam Safarpour Lima, Dr. Farzad Sina

Time	Title	Speaker
14:30 – 14:55	Acute symptomatic seizures: is it always straight forward?!	Dr. Mohsen Aghaei Hakak
14:55 – 15:20	Making waves in epilepsy. Are two ASMs better than one? Why wait to find out?	Dr. Farzad Sina
15:20 – 15:45	How to optimize drug treatment in epilepsy	Dr. Parviz Bahrami
15:45 – 16:10	Updates in new antiepileptic drugs	Dr. Naser Zangi Abadi
16:10 – 16:30	Q & A	

Epilepsy different topics (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Fatemeh Seddigh Marvasti, Dr. Mohammad Sayyad Nasiri
Dr. Mojgan Tabatabaei

Time	Title	Speaker
14:30 – 14:55	How to understand and address the cultural aspects of epilepsy diagnosis?	Dr. Daruosh Nasabi Tehrani
14:55 – 15:20	Updates in post traumatic epilepsy	Dr. Mohammad Rezvani
15:20 – 15:45	Sleep disorders versus epilepsy	Dr. Hamed Amirifard
15:45 – 16:10	A practical guide for seizure approach in EMU	Dr. Babak Jalalian
16:10 – 16:30	Q & A	

Transitional clinic (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

Time	Title	Speaker
14:30 – 16:30	Moderator: Dr. Mahmoud Mohammadi Panel Members: Dr. Jafar Mehvari, Dr. Reza Shervin Badv, Dr. Seyyed Navid Naghibi	
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break	

Status epilepticus (Aburayhan Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Farzad Sina, Dr. Hossein kahnoji, Dr. Behnam Safarpour Lima

Time	Title	Speaker
17:00 – 17:25	Updates in cluster and frequent seizures treatment	Dr. Hossein kahnoji
17:25 – 17:50	How to approach to NORSE and FIRES	Dr. Behnam Safarpour Lima
17:50 – 18:15	Refractory and super refractory status epilepticus treatment	Dr. Farnaz Sinaei
18:15 – 18:40	Non convulsive status epilepticus treatment	Dr. Eugen Trinka
18:40 – 19:00	Q & A	

Epilepsy Genetics (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Reza Shervin Badv, Dr. Reza Azizi Malamiri, Dr. Seyyed Navid Naghibi
Dr. Hamideh Arvan

Time	Title	Speaker
17:00 – 17: 25	Genomics in the presurgical epilepsy evaluation	Dr. Reza Azizi Malamiri
17:25 – 17:50	Pharmacogenomics and the treatment of epilepsy what do we know?	Dr. Hamideh Arvan
17:50 – 18: 15	fever associated seizure or epilepsy (FASE)	Dr. Reza Shervin Badv
18:15 – 18: 40	Can Genetic testing inform about epilepsy treatment?!	Dr. Iscia Lopes-Cendes
18:40 – 19:00	Q & A	

Hot Topics in Epilepsy (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Mohsen Farzadaghi, Dr. Babak Jalalian, Dr. Nasim Tabrizi

Time	Title	Speaker
17:00 – 17:30	Why antiseizure medications fail?	Dr. Boulououar Mesraoua
17:30 – 18:00	Movement disorders in genetic epilepsies	Dr. Mehri Salari
18:00 – 18:30	Definition of drug resistant epilepsy: a reappraisal based on epilepsy syndromes	Dr. Mohsen Farzadaghi
18:30 – 19:00	Q & A	

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Epilepsy in targeted groups (Aburayhan Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Saeid Charsoui, Dr. Nayyereh Akbari, Dr. Nahid Ashjazadeh

Time	Title	Speaker
8:00 – 8:25	Sexual hormones and epilepsy	Dr. Babak Bakhshayesh
8:25 – 8:50	What do we know about catamenial epilepsy	Dr. Mostafa Asadollahi
8:50 – 9:15	Epilepsy management in pregnancy and breast feeding	Dr. Seyyed Navid Naghibi
9:15 – 9:40	Epilepsy management in elderly	Dr. Saeid Charsoui
9:40 – 10:05	Management of epilepsy comorbidities	Dr. Nahid Ashjazadeh
10:05 – 10:30	Updates in developmental and epileptic encephalopathy	Dr. Bahram Yarali
10:30 – 11:00	Q & A	

Clinical Researches (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Reza Daneshvar, Dr. Leila Poursaadat, Dr. Mehdi Kheiran

Time	Title	Speaker
8:00 – 8:15	Cerebrovascular malformation presented with seizure	Dr. Mojtaba Khazaei
8:15 – 8:30	Prevalence, clinical, imaging, electroencephalography and laboratory characteristics of seizures in COVID-19	Dr. Mohammad Reza Najafi
8:30 – 8:45	Hyperglycemia induced global aphasia followed by focal motor seizures as first manifestation of diabetes mellitus	Dr. Ebrahim Pour Akbar



Scientific Communication (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Mehdi Kheiran, Dr. Sepideh Paybast, Dr. Reza Daneshvar
Dr. Leila Poursaadat

Time	Title	Speaker
9:00 – 9:20	MS & Epilepsy	Dr. Ebrahim Kouchaki
9:20 – 9:40	Seizure and demyelinating lesions on MRI: pitfalls on diagnosis and treatment	Dr. Mehran Ghaffari
9:40 – 10:00	Challenging issues in Epilepsy and driving	Dr. Mohsen Poorkakrodi
10:00 – 10:20	Lacosamide, What is in future?	Dr. Amir Hejazi
10:20 – 10:40	Seizure in COVID-19	Dr. Mehran Homam
10:40 – 11:00	Reperfusion Therapies and seizures	Dr. Abdoreza Ghoreishi

PNES management panel (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

8:00 – 9:30	Moderator: Dr. Ali Akbar Asadi-pooya Panel members: Dr. Niloofar Mahdaviifar Hezaveh, Dr. Mohsen Javadzadeh Dr. Behnam Safarpour Lima
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Pharmaceutical company workshop (CobelDarou) The on going challenges in epilepsy (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

Time	Title	Speaker
10:00 – 10:30	Monotherapy or polytherapy? Why and how? (Practical Cases)	Dr. Jafar Mehvari
10:30 – 11:00	Treatment patterns in women with epilepsy	Dr. Nasim Tabrizi
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	

Epilepsy Neuroimaging (Aburayhan Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Reza Basiratnia, Dr. Aidin Taghiloo, Dr. Elham Rahimian

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30 – 11:55	MRI essentials in epilepsy	Dr. Reza Basiratnia
11:55 – 12:20	Epilepsy postprocessing imaging (methods, findings, future) in iran	Dr. Elham Rahimian
12:20 – 12:45	Neuroimaging biomarkers in epilepsy	Dr. Abtin Droudinia
12:45 – 13:10	New imaging tools for epilepsy diagnosis	Dr. Bernhard Schuknecht
13:10 – 13:30	Q & A	

Neuropsychiatry (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Mohammad Arbabi, Dr. Hamid Nemati, Dr. Ali Akbar Asadi-Pooya

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30 – 11:55	Treatment of depression and anxiety in epilepsy	Dr. Mohammad Arbabi
11:55 – 12:20	Treatment of behavioral problems in children with epilepsy	Dr. Hamid Nemati
12:20 – 12:45	Functional seizure (Etiology and diagnosis)	Dr. Ali Akbar Asadi- pooya
12:45 – 13:10	Functional seizure (Treatment and follow up)	Dr. Benjamin Tolchin
13:10 – 13:30	Q & A	

Pharmaceutical company workshop (Ronak Darou) Challenging in Epilepsy Treatment (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

Time	Title	Speaker
11:30 – 13:00	Moderator: Dr Mahmoud Motamedi Challenging Case presentation and discussion	Dr. Mahyar Noorbakhsh
		Dr. Farzad Sina
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch & Praying	

Epilepsy different topics (Aburayhan Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Mohammad Reza Najafi, Dr. Kurosh Gharagozli
Dr. Seyyed Ali Masoud

Time	Title	Speaker
14:30 – 14:55	SUDEP updates	Dr. Asieh Mehrmiri
14:55 – 15:20	Antiepileptic drugs initiation (when, how and which)	Dr. Mohammad Reza Najafi
15:20 – 15:45	Antiepileptic drugs withdrawal	Dr. Ghasem Fattahzadeh
15:45 – 16:10	How to have normal life in epilepsy	Dr. Kurosh Gharagozli
16:10 – 16:30	Q & A	

Epilepsy surgery case based discussion (Allame Tabatabaei Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Jafar Mehvari

Co-chairs: Dr. Give Sharifi, Dr. Mohammad Samadian, Dr. Elham Rahimian

14:30 – 16:30	Case Presentation Dr. Seyyed Sohrab Hashemi Fesharaki, Dr. Jafar Mehvari, Dr. Behnam Safarpour Lima, Dr. Mohsen Aghaei Hakak, Dr. Mohammad Rezvani
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Ketogenic diet in epilepsy (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

14:30 – 15:30	Panel Members: Dr Maryam Mahmoudi , Dr Zahra Rezaei
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break

Epilepsy Surgery (Aburayhan Hall)

**Co-chairs: Dr. Mohammad Ghodsi, Dr. Jafar Mehvari, Dr. Give Sharifi
Dr. Mohammad Samadian**

Time	Title	Speaker
17:00 – 17:25	Hemispherotomy updates and challenges	Dr. Mohammad Ghodsi
17:25 – 17:50	How to deal with multiple failed surgery?	Dr. Jafar Mehvari
17:50 – 18:15	VNS - second chance after failed epilepsy surgery	Dr. Igor Trifonov
18:15 – 18:40	A novel technique for temporal lobectomy for epilepsy, introduction of stepwise technique with anatomic quantitative consideration	Dr. Give Sharifi
18:40 – 19:05	Mesial temporal structural lesion causing refractory epilepsy, challenging surgeries	Dr. Ali Jafari
19:05 – 19:30	Non lesional temporal lobe epilepsy surgery	Dr. Mohammad Samadian
19:30 – 20:00	Q & A	

Drug resistant epilepsy (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Fatemeh Yourdkhani, Dr. Ebrahim Pour Akbar, Dr. Abbas Tafakhori

Time	Title	Speaker
17:00 – 17:25	How to approach drug resistant epilepsy	Dr. Fatemeh Yourd khani
17:25 – 17:50	Rational polytherapy in drug resistant epilepsy	Dr. Sakineh Ranji
17:50 – 18:15	Neurostimulation, which one is better and how to select patients?	Dr. Abbas Tafakhori
18:15 – 18:40	MRI negative DRE, what is the next step?	Dr. Fernando Cendes
18:40 – 19:05	New treatments for DRE	Dr. Marco Mula
19:05 – 19:30	Q & A	

Advanced EEG workshop (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Mahmoud Mohamadi

Co-chairs: Dr. Seyyed Sohrab Hashemi Fesharaki, Dr. Reza Azizi Malamiri

Time	Title	Speaker
17:00 – 17:30	Developmental EEG	Dr. Mahmoud Mohammadi
17:30 – 18:00	EEG in ICU	Dr. Reza Azizi Malamiri
18:00 – 18:30	Continuous EEG tools	Dr. Seyyed Sohrab Hashemi Fesharaki

Friday 3 March 2023

Presurgical evaluation topics (Aburayhan Hall)

Co-chair: Dr. Samaneh Haghighi, Dr. Seyyede Faezeh Mousavinia

Time	Title	Speaker
8:30 – 8:55	Epileptogenic zone (principles and challenges)	Dr. Seyyede Faezeh Mousavinia
8:55 – 9:20	Stereo EEG (When, where and how)	Dr. Samaneh Haghighi
9:20 – 9:45	Practicing Clinical MEG in epilepsy	Dr. Stephan Rampp
9:45 – 10:10	Source localization	Dr. Soheil Ahmadzadeh
10:10 – 10:35	High frequency oscillation	Dr. Julia Jacob
10:35 – 11:00	Q & A	

Epilepsy surgery (Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Sajjad Shafiee, Dr. Jafar Mehvari

Time	Title	Speaker
8:30 – 8:55	Awake craniotomy for epilepsy surgery	Dr. Sohrab Salimi
8:55 – 9:20	Epilepsy surgery in pediatric groups	Dr. Keivan Tayyebi Meibudi
9:20 – 9:45	What is new in epilepsy surgery	Dr. Sajjad Shafiee
9:45 – 10:05	Early epilepsy surgery in structural epilepsies	Dr. Nicola Specchio
10:05 – 10:30	Q & A	

CBD symposium (Sheikh Bahaei Hall)

10:00 – 11:00

	The role of cannabinoids in the management of epilepsy	Dr. Farzad Sina
	Role of CBD in drug resistant epilepsy as symptomatic therapy	Dr. Bahram Yarali
	CBD in refractory epilepsy	Dr. Abbas Tafakhori
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	

(Allameh Tabatabaei Hall)

Co-chairs: Dr. Behnam Safarpour Lima, Dr. Mahyar Noorbakhsh, Dr. Vahid Salehifar

11:30 – 13:00	Epilepsy case based discussion Panel Members: Dr. Roshanak Tirdad, Dr. Behnam Safarpour Dr. Seyed Ali Masoud, Dr. Babak Jalalian
13:00 – 14:00	Closing Ceremony