

Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean 2021-2022 Report

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Dave Clarke, President
Dwayne Cooke, Vice President
Paula Robertson, Secretary
Peter Kowlessar, Treasurer
Nadine Morrison-Levy, Education and Outreach
Amza Ali, Past President



Officer Election Date: September 2019

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Members of the Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean presented at the 2nd North American Epilepsy Congress, 5 - 8 May 2022.
- Dr. Clarke and Mr. Kowlessar both conducted outreach clinics in the region in countries such as Antigua and Tobago.
- Dr. Nadine Morrison-Levy was actively involved in providing epilepsy teaching through the project ECHO: Ontario initiative.
- Dr. Robertson submitted a successful bid to the BPNA for Trinidad and Tobago to be considered a site for launch of the PET program (planning for launch in 2025).
- Members of the Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean have also been actively involved in public education. For example, Dr. Robertson worked with a local advocacy group Seizure Awareness Foundation of T&T (SAFTT) to have Purple Day educational activities and to present at a public awareness conference on 19 November 2022.

CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022

- Coming out of COVID-19 with its economic, social, and mental health challenges
- Planning to maximize the reach of future educational meetings, and considering whether this should be fully in-person or hybrid

FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023

- Hosting PET courses regionally (2025)
- Ongoing outreach clinics and educational initiatives
- Hosting a regional hybrid congress in 2023/2024

MEETINGS

18 August 2021 and 23 February 2022



The Seizure Awareness Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago presents 3rd Annual

Seizure Awareness Conference

Theme: Let's Support Our Seizure Warriors

Saturday, November 19, 2022
Central Bank Auditorium
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Feature Speakers



Dr. Patrick Knight Dr. Paula Robertson Dr. Avidesh Panday

Topics to be addressed

- What are seizures and how are they treated
- The prevalence of seizures in Trinidad and Tobago
- New surgical procedures available in Trinidad and Tobago
- The Ketogenic Diet and Epilepsy
- Vagus Nerve Stimulation
- And lots more ...

For more information please contact:
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Flyer from the Seizure Awareness Public Conference held in Trinidad and Tobago, November 2022



Some of the seizure warriors and support groups who worked behind the scenes to facilitate the Seizure Awareness Public Conference in Trinidad and Tobago, November 2022

Report submitted by Dr. Paula Robertson