

## 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
  - Divulagation 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

- 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

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

## 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 drug-resistant 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**



**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



**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"**

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SEPTIEMBRE  
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**08**  
SEPT  
WEBINAR  
7pm

**SEMANA DE  
LA EPILEPSIA**

Preguntas Frecuentes

Epilepsy webinar for patients and relatives

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**5 AL 9**  
DE SEPTIEMBRE  
2022

**PONENTE**  
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**PONENTE**  
Dr. Ronald Najorro  
TEMA: Cirugía de epilepsia LOBULO TEMPORAL

**TEMA A DESARROLLAR**  
**ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA EPILEPSIA DEL LOBULO TEMPORAL**  
Moderador: Dr. Ovidio Solano Cabrera

viernes  
**09**  
WEBINAR  
SEPT

HORA: 6:00 pm

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Webinar on Temporal Lobe Epilepsy, for medical personnel

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