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Dr. Jacqueline French is a professor in the Department of Neurology NYU, in the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, and Director of the Clinical Trials Consortium. Over many years Dr. French has been involved in aspects of clinical trials and drug development in the US and internationally. For the last two decades she has directed an international symposium on antiepileptic drug development. This meeting has led to the implementation of new trial designs, as well as new strategies for the approval of drugs for use in monotherapy.

Dr. French served as co-chair of the Commission on Therapeutic Strategies for the last four years. During that time, among other projects, she contributed to a new definition of refractory epilepsy, co-organized an effort on epilepsy pregnancy registry harmonization, and initiated a program to co-ordinate English-language teaching in Africa.

Dr. French has also been active in creating evidence-based guidelines, chairing a guideline committee for the American Academy of Neurology, and serving on committees for the American Epilepsy Society and the ILAE. She chaired an AAN/AES committee that produced two widely quoted guidelines on the use of new antiepileptic drugs. She is the 2005 recipient of the American Epilepsy Society Service Award. She is the Associate editor of *Epilepsy Currents*, the journal of the American Epilepsy Society. She has served on the board of the American Epilepsy Society and is the Secretary of the American Society of Experimental Therapeutics. In addition, she is the head of the scientific advisory board of the Epilepsy Therapy Development Project.