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# EpiNet news

WORKING TOWARD BETTER TREATMENTS FOR EPILEPSY

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

## World Congress

**EpiNet** will have an exhibition booth at the World Congress of Neurology meeting in Chile. This is running from Oct 31 to Nov 5. Please come along and say hello if you are attending the meeting. Please let colleagues know about the project and advise them to stop by the table.

We have 3 posters and 2 platform presentations relating to **EpiNet** studies at the meeting.

## First AED Registry

All neurologists, epileptologists and paediatricians with an interest in neurology are invited to register patients into the "First AED registry." This is a real-world prospective observational study. It serves as a control study for the **EpiNet**-First trials. It is very easy to register patients who start their first-ever AED in this registry. If you are not already an investigator with **EpiNet**, this is a painless way of getting involved in the project.

Please contact us for further information.

## EpiNet-First Trials

The **EpiNet**-First trials of patients with newly diagnosed epilepsy are also now underway. These have the scientific advantage over the registry that patients are randomly assigned to their AED. Patients will be followed for at least 2 years. The primary endpoint is the time to reach 12 months seizure freedom. These trials are based closely on the SANAD-II trials, currently underway in the UK.

We need more centres involved in these trials. Please consider participating, if you are not already doing 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.

If you want further information about the First AED registry or the **EpiNet**-First trials, you can find it here:

[www.epinet.co.nz](http://www.epinet.co.nz)

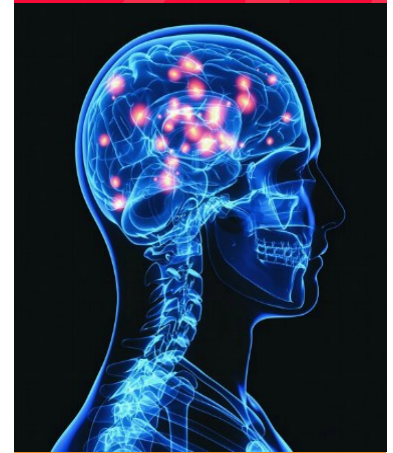


## Istanbul

We held a successful workshop on **EpiNet** at the 31<sup>st</sup> International Epilepsy Congress in Istanbul. Approximately 40 people attended and contributed to the discussion. There was great interest in the philosophy behind **EpiNet** and the trials we have started. Attached is a photo of some of those who attended.



## NEW RESEARCH COORDINATOR



Erica Beilharz has taken over from Stephanie Walsh as the **EpiNet** Research Coordinator.

Erica is the person who will be able to help you with administrative issues.

## Status Epilepticus Form

We are currently testing a form to collect information regarding status epilepticus. If anyone is interested in looking at this form and giving us feedback before it is released for general use, then please contact us.

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](http://www.epinet.co.nz) and click on the *Sponsorship and Donations* page.

