



The 2019 Masterclass on resistant epilepsies

Romanian Society Against Epilepsy (SRIE), ILAE Chapter, and the Romanian Neurological Society (SNR) identified that the care for people with epilepsy is not homogenous in Romania and many Neurologists and Pediatric Neurologists do not properly diagnose or treat resistant epilepsy. The masterclass aims to raise the knowledge on epilepsy treatment methods selection (anti-seizure medication, epilepsy surgery, ketogenic diet, vagal nerve stimulation). Theoretical issues and case-based discussions will allow participants a good understanding of the current treatment methods and the right choice of each.

The 2019 Masterclass on resistant epilepsy is a 2 steps program:

- **M1 - The first part (7 March 2019)**, with basic and indispensable information on epilepsy and resistant epilepsy aims a correct epilepsy diagnosis and early recognition of intractability and also correct choice of the most appropriate and effective method of treatment for the resistant epilepsies, available today. Theoretical issues and case-based discussions will allow participants a good understanding of the current treatment methods and the right choice of each. For the M1 step – Prof. Lieven Lagae and Prof Zvonka Rener Primec already accepted the invitation of being speakers.
- **M2 - The second part (2 October 2019)**, with more advanced and refined details of treatment in refractory epilepsy will reveal the audience successes and pitfalls of each method starting from literature (theoretical part) and case-based discussions (practical part)

The event will be organized under EpiCARE (European Network for Epilepsy Reference Centers) umbrella and under the scientific guidance of SRIE (Romanian Society Against Epilepsy), SNR (Romanian Neurological Society) and ASNER (Romanian Neurophysiology Society) with the participation of the YES Romania (Young Epilepsy Section of SRIE) and SAM Romania (Section of Nurses of SRIE).

The target group is a selected population of neurologists and pediatric neurologists with high interest in epilepsy from all over Romania. Around 40 participants – 20 from Bucharest and 20 from other parts of Romania will be invited. The aim is to create a network covering the country for a good diagnosis and selection of resistant epilepsy cases who will need surgery, KD or VNS. These neurologists and pediatric neurologists will closely collaborate with the Bucharest Epilepsy Centers:

- for adult neurology – University Hospital of Bucharest – The Epilepsy Monitoring Unit;
- for Child Neurology – Alexandru Obregia Clinical Hospital – The Pediatric Neurology Clinic – part of The EpiCARE network for rare and difficult to treat epilepsies;
- for Neurosurgery – Bagdasar-Arseni Hospital – Neurosurgery department

Within these courses, the new practice protocols (PP) elaborated by experts from SRIE, SNR (Epilepsy surgery PP, VNS PP, KD PP) will be implemented in the target groups.

The people with resistant epilepsy are in the end the beneficiary of this training programme.

The event will be credited by the Romanian Medical College.