

Press Release

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Epilepsy Foundation of Southern California to Host “Brain Storm Summit” at Loyola Marymount University

Day-long Event to Increase Awareness and Understanding of Epilepsy

Los Angeles, Oct. 28, 2003—The Epilepsy Foundation of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties today announced that the foundation will host the first annual “Brain Storm Summit” on the campus of Loyola Marymount University (LMU) on Saturday, November 8th, 2003. The day-long summit, which is designed to increase public awareness, diagnosis and management of seizures, will feature over twenty sessions led by neurological practitioners from hospitals around the nation.

Epilepsy Brain Storm Summit

The Brain Storm Summit is a collaborative conference of the Epilepsy Foundation, the Westside Regional Center and most of the medical epilepsy centers in the Los Angeles region. The free conference will feature national and local speakers, and is designed for adults with epilepsy, parents of children affected by epilepsy, school staff, social workers, board and care staff and the medical community. There will be 1-2 keynote speakers, plenary sessions on a range of topics and parallel workshops for children, adults and professionals. The workshops include such topics as complementary therapies, surgery for epilepsy, the Ketogenic diet, driving and epilepsy, drug

interactions, women's issues, occupational therapies, and many others. The summit begins at 8:00 a.m. and lasts until 5:00 p.m. on November 8, 2003.

Registration

Advanced registration is strongly recommended. For further information and to register, visit www.epilepsy-socalif.org or call (800) 564-0445. A detailed program, map and directions will be sent upon registration. Lunch is available at \$10 per person.

About Epilepsy

Epilepsy is a seizure disorder. One out of every 100 people, or about 2.5 million people in the U.S., have epilepsy. There are more than twice as many people with epilepsy in the U.S. than the combined number of people with cerebral palsy (500,000), muscular dystrophy (250,000), multiple sclerosis (350,000), and cystic fibrosis (30,000). Experts estimate that prolonged seizures are the cause of 22,000 to 42,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Approximately, 125,000 new cases are diagnosed annually. To date, there is no known cure.

About the Epilepsy Foundation of Los Angeles

The Epilepsy Foundation of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino & Ventura Counties is the only non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated solely to serving the estimated 140,000 to 180,000 people living with epilepsy in this region. The local Epilepsy Foundation offers a range of services and programs to help and support those who are affected by epilepsy. In addition, they seek to educate the general public - those that work with, care for, serve, do business with, educate or encounter people with epilepsy during their daily lives - to better understand epilepsy/seizure disorders. The Epilepsy Foundation of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino & Ventura Counties is affiliated with the Epilepsy Foundation of America in Landover, Maryland.