



December 4 - 8 ■ Philadelphia, PA  
69<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

## **Epilepsy Specialist Symposium Malformations of Cortical Development and Epilepsy**

**Symposium Co-Chairs:**

**Ruben Kuzniecky, M.D.**

**and**

**R. Edward Hogan, M.D.**

**Friday, December 4, 2015  
Convention Center – Grand Ballroom AB**

**8:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

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## **OVERVIEW**

This symposium will present an update on MRI functions of cortical development and epilepsy. The classification scheme, imaging findings, clinical phenotypes will be presented. Medical and surgical paradigms will be addressed. As a result of attending this symposium, the attendee will recognize clinical and imaging features and classify MCD patients, ordering genetic testing, treatment and counseling.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

*Following participation in this symposium, learners should be able to:*

- Recognize MRI and phenotype patterns of MCD, understand the genetics of MCD, initiate genetic studies and provide appropriate counseling
- Participate in the care and counseling of patients with MCDs
- Recognize the clinical presentation of MCD and the impact of MCD on psychological and neuropsychological function

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Basic: Those new to epilepsy treatment or whose background in the specialty is limited, e.g., students, residents, general physicians, general neurologists and neurosurgeons, other professionals in epilepsy care, administrators.

Intermediate: Epilepsy fellows, epileptologists, epilepsy neurosurgeons, and other providers with experience in epilepsy care (e.g., advanced practice nurses, nurses, physician assistants), neuropsychologists, psychiatrists, basic and translational researchers.

Advanced: Address highly technical or complex topics (e.g., neurophysiology, advanced imaging techniques or advanced treatment modalities, including surgery.)

## **Agenda**

C0-Chairs: Ruben Kuzniecky, M.D. and R. Edward Hogan, M.D.

Introduction

Ruben Kuzniecky, M.D.

Case Presentation

R. Edward Hogan, M.D.

Pathophysiology and Genetics of Cortical Malformations

Christopher Walsh, M.D.

Neuroimaging of Cortical Malformations

Ruben Kuzniecky, M.D.

Neurological Syndromes Associated with Cortical Malformations

Elliott Sherr, M.D., Ph.D.

Medical Management of Syndromes Associated with Cortical Malformations

Renee A. Shellhaas, M.D., M.S.

Surgical management of Brain Developmental Anomalies

Dennis Spencer, M.D.

Case Summary and Conclusions  
R. Edward Hogan, M.D.

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The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology has reviewed the Malformations of Cortical Development and Epilepsy Symposium and has approved this program as part of a comprehensive program, which is mandated by the ABMS as a necessary component of maintenance of certification.

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**FACULTY / PLANNER BIO AND DISCLOSURES**

**Robert Hogan, M.D. (Co-Chair)**

Dr. Hogan is Professor in the Department of Neurology at Washington University in St. Louis, and the Director of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Barnes Jewish Hospital. Dr. Hogan has research interests in multiple different areas of clinical neurology and epilepsy, including the pharmacology and clinical use of antiepileptic medications, semiology of epileptic seizures, and neuro-imaging changes in patients with epileptic seizures. Research interests in neuro-imaging involve single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), as well as functional and structural MRI, including correlation of neuroimaging with clinical semiology of seizures and EEG findings.

Dr. Hogan discloses receiving support for Consulting for Upsher-Smith Pharmaceuticals, as Contract Research for Upsher-Smith and Sage Pharmaceuticals (clinical trial support).

**Ruben Kuzniecky, M.D. (Co-Chair)**

Dr. Ruben Kuzniecky is Professor of Neurology at New York University (NYU) Medical School. He is also Co-Director of the NYU Epilepsy Center and Director of the Epilepsy Research Program. Dr. Kuzniecky has authored three books, 38 book chapters, over 270 articles in peer-reviewed journals, and more than 300 meeting abstracts. He has been awarded over 50 research grants from government, industry, and foundation funding sources. Dr. Kuzniecky had served on the editorial boards of *Epilepsia* and *Epilepsy & Behavior* and is an ad-hoc reviewer for many epilepsy- and neurology-focused journals. Dr. Kuzniecky served as Treasurer of the American Epilepsy Society and was Chairman of Oldendorf Award Committee for the American Society of Neuroimaging.

Dr. Kuzniecky has indicated he has no financial relationships with commercial interests to disclose.

**Renee Shellhaas, M.D., M.S.**

Dr. Shellhaas graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School and then completed her residency in Pediatrics and Pediatric Neurology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She stayed at CHOP for her epilepsy fellowship. Dr. Shellhaas returned to Ann Arbor in 2007 to join the faculty at the University of Michigan, Department of Pediatrics (Division of Pediatric Neurology) where she is now a Clinical Associate Professor. Her research is focused on neonatal brain monitoring and neonatal seizures. She is a steering committee member of the Pediatric Epilepsy Research Consortium. Her clinical practice is centered on difficult-to-control childhood epilepsy.

Dr. Shellhaas discloses receiving support from Royalties for UpToDate; Other Services from Epilepsy Consortium; Other Services from the Child Neurology Society, Concillor from the Midwest.

**Elliott Sherr, M.D., Ph.D.**

Elliott Sherr is a Professor of Neurology, Pediatrics and Genetics at UCSF. He directs the Brain Development Research Program, a group that studies the genetics and biology autism and epilepsy ([brain.ucsf.edu](http://brain.ucsf.edu)). Dr. Sherr is member of an epilepsy genetics consortium (<http://www.epgp.org/epi4k/>) in which he leads a team trying to understand the genetic causes of severe childhood epilepsies, such as infantile spasms. For his research, Dr. Sherr was the 2006 recipient of the Philip R. Dodge Young Investigator Award from the Child Neurology Society. Dr. Sherr completed his bachelors at Stanford University, his M.D. and Ph.D. at Columbia University and his clinical training at UCSF. He lives in San Francisco with his wife and three children.

Dr. Sherr discloses receiving support for Salary generating W2 from Retrotope, Armagen, neither are directly epilepsy related, but are general CNS companies.; for Receipt Of Intellectual Property Rights/Patent Holder through UCSF; for Consulting from Personalis; as Ownership (i.e. stocks, stock options or other ownership) from InVita, Retrotope, Chemocentryx, Jacaranda Biosciences.

**Dennis Spencer, M.D.**

Dr Spencer is the Harvey and Kate Cushing professor and immediate past chairman of the department of Neurosurgery at Yale University School of Medicine. He has directed the Epilepsy Surgery Program and co-directed the comprehensive epilepsy center for the past 37 years. He has developed numerous surgical techniques for epilepsy notably the neocortical sparing anteromedial temporal resection, has been the recipient of the clinical research award from the AES, the research award from the Society of Neurological Surgeons (SNS), held the Presidency of both the AES and SNS, chaired the American Board of Neurological Surgery, vice chaired the Residency Review Committee and acted as interim Dean for the Yale School of Medicine.

Dr. Spencer has indicated he has no financial relationships with commercial interests to disclose.

**Christopher Walsh, M.D., Ph.D.**

Christopher Walsh is Chief of the Division of Genetics and Genomics at Boston Children's Hospital, and an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. His lab focuses on the development, evolution, and function of the human cerebral cortex, and has identified genetic causes for more than twenty brain diseases of children, associated with autism, intellectual disability, seizures, and cerebral palsy. The work has been recognized by awards from the NINDS, American Academy of Neurology, American Neurological Association, American Epilepsy Society and others. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences.

Dr. Walsh has indicated he has no financial relationships with commercial interests to disclose.

**CME Reviewer****Leonardo Bonilha, M.D., Ph.D.**

I am a neurologist, epileptologist and clinical neurophysiologist. I am an Associate Professor of Neurology at the Medical University of South Carolina, where I work as a clinician scientist. My research involves the mechanistic aspects of brain structure and function (through neuroimaging and EEG) in relationship with language recovery after brain injury, as well as seizures and epilepsy.

Dr. Bonilha discloses receiving support as Consulting from Health Advances, LLC I have provided paid advice regarding best uses of PACS imaging software.

**Kevin Chapman, M.D.**

Dr. Chapman is a Pediatric Epileptologist at the University of Colorado at Denver and Children's Hospital Colorado.

Kevin Chapman, M.D. discloses receiving support as Contracted Research local PI for the Insys CBD trials on Dravet and LGS at UC Denver. All funds go to my department.

**Peter Widdess-Walsh, M.D.**

Dr. Peter Widdess-Walsh is a consultant neurologist and epileptologist at the National Neuroscience Centre at Beaumont Hospital Dublin, Ireland, and Director of Neurosciences at the Beacon Hospital, Dublin.

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**Paul Levisohn, M.D. (Medical Content Specialist, AES)**

Dr. Levisohn is a member of the faculty of the section of Pediatric Neurology at The University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Colorado Neuroscience Institute, having joined the faculty over 15 years ago following a similar period of time in the private practice of pediatric neurology. His academic career has focused on clinical care for children with epilepsy with particular interest in clinical trials and on the psychosocial impact of epilepsy. Dr. Levisohn is currently a consultant on medical content for CME activities to staff of AES. He is a member of the national Advisory Board of EF and has been chair of the advisory committee for the National Center of Project Access through EF.

Dr. Levisohn has indicated he has no financial relationships with commercial interests to disclose.

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## Malformations of Cortical Development and epilepsy: Case presentation

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## Learning Objective

- Identify focal epileptic seizure associated with malformations of cortical development

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## Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- Improve care for subjects with epilepsy and malformations of cortical development
  - Understand neuroimaging correlates of malformations of cortical development
  - Identify possible epilepsy surgical options for subjects with epilepsy and malformations of cortical development

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## Clinical history

- Onset of seizures at age 17
- She described floating blinking lights, always starting in the upper portion of the visual field, moving towards the center and obscuring the vision in the field, typically evolving over 30 seconds.
- Some events progressed to LOC, with associated jaw clenching, and bilateral UE stiffening

## Clinical history

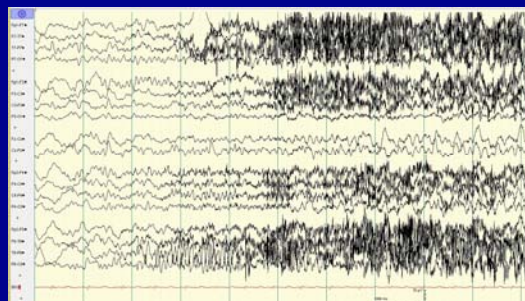
- At age 20 she had her first secondarily generalized tonic clonic seizure
- Diagnosis of epilepsy lead to treatment with lamotrigine
- Seizures were well controlled until age 22, when seizures recurred.



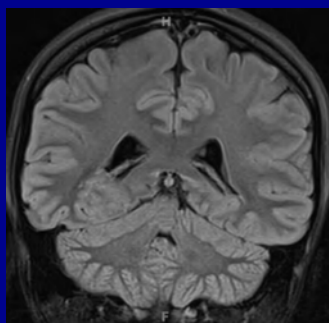
### Clinical history

- She subsequently tried trials of carbamazepine, levetiracetam, and topiramate.
- At age 24, she was having partial seizures on a weekly basis.
- During trials of AED treatment, she underwent further work-up for her drug-resistant epileptic seizures.

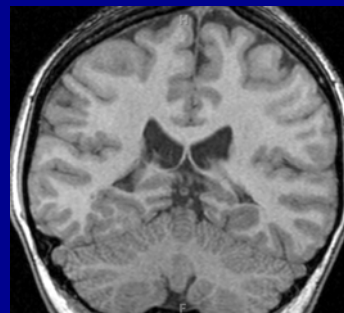
### Ictal EEG



### FLAIR MRI



### T1 MRI



### Malformations of cortical development

#### Group II.A: heterotopia

##### Peri-ventricular nodular heterotopia

Classification group includes "large subcortical heterotopia that consist of curvilinear swirls of grey matter originating from deep sulci, which wind their way through the cerebral mantle to the ependyma."

Barkovich AJ, Guerrini R, Kuzniecky RI, Jackson GD, Dobyns WB. A developmental and genetic classification for malformations of cortical development: update 2012. Brain 2012 May;135:1348-1369.

### Malformations of cortical development and epilepsy

- Genetics
- Neuroimaging
- Neurological Syndromes
- Medical Management
- Surgical Management of Brain Developmental Anomalies

## Genetics of Malformations of Cortical Development (MCD)

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## Disclosure

Consultant, Third Rock  
Ventures

Consultant, Hoffman  
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## Learning Objectives

- Genetic mechanisms of MCD
  - Genetic and inherited
    - Recessive
    - Dominant
    - X-linked
  - Genetic and not inherited but inheritable
  - Genetic mechanism but uninheritable
  - Important role of *de novo* mutation in epilepsy
- Counseling considerations

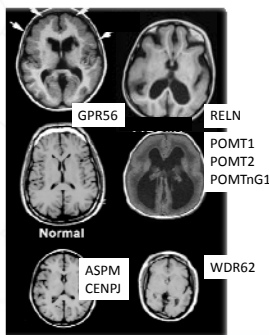
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## Mendelian modes of inheritance of MCD

- Genetic mechanisms of MCD
  - Genetic and Inherited
    - Dominant—*TSC1*, *TSC2*, *DEPDC5*, *NPRL2*, *NPRL3*
      - High *de novo* mutation rate
    - X-linked—*DCX*, *FLNA*
      - Usually *de novo* as well
    - Recessive
      - Virtually always inherited
  - Counseling considerations

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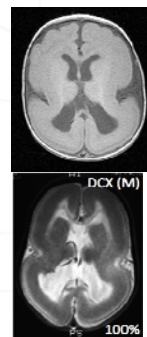
## There are innumerable recessively inherited MCD's



- Mostly rare
- Much more likely if parents are related or of same ethnicity
- Often present early
- Less likely to come to the general epileptologist
- Some are epileptic, some not
- Too numerous to cover in 30 minutes

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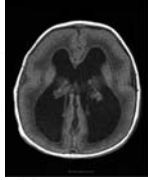
## "Classical" lissencephaly is genetic but rarely inherited due to its severe and lethal nature



- De novo LIS1* mutations ("Dominant")
- De novo DCX* mutations
  - male *DCX* mutations cause lissencephaly
  - female *DCX* mutations cause subcortical band heterotopia-double cortex
- TUBA1A*, *TUBB2*, other tubulin genes
  - Somewhat more variable picture with lissencephaly or polymicrogyria
- DYNC1H1* (Dynein Heavy Chain)
- X-linked *ARX* mutations (asymptomatic carrier mothers)
- Mutations once present are theoretically inheritable
  - These lethal disorders are essentially never transmitted from affected probands
  - Can be recurrent in a family due to asymptomatic carrier parent (e.g., *ARX* or *DCX*)

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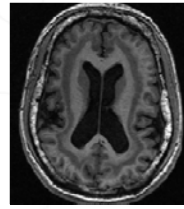
### Type II/"Cobblestone" Lissencephaly



- Usually easy to distinguish from "classical" lissencephaly
- Hydrocephalus, white matter changes
- Associated muscle disease, retinal dysplasia
- Recessive mutations in a large number of genes
  - *POMT1*, *POMT2*, *FKTN*, *POMGnT1*, *GTDC2*, etc.

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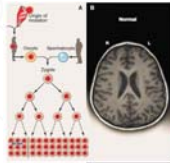
### Subcortical band heterotopia



- Typical patient is female
- X-linked *DCX* mutation in females
- Males with *DCX* mutations show lissencephaly
- About 50% of mutations are *de novo* (absent in parents)
- Mutations can be inherited from affected probands
- *De novo*, but inheritable

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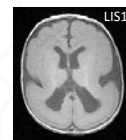
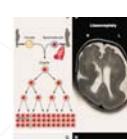
### Inherited, *de novo*, somatic mutations are surprisingly important in epileptic MCD's



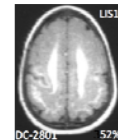
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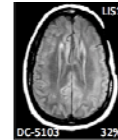
### Subcortical band heterotopia can reflect somatic mutations in *LIS1*



100% of cells with mutation



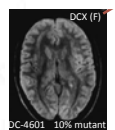
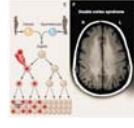
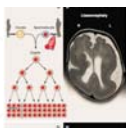
50% of cells with mutation



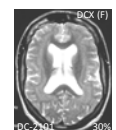
32% of cells with mutation

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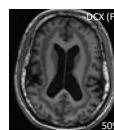
### Subcortical band heterotopia can reflect somatic mutations in *DCX*



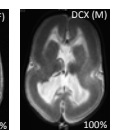
10% of cells with mutation (F)



30% of cells with mutation (F)



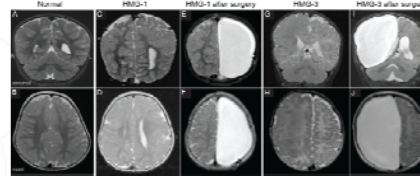
100% of cells with mutation (F)



100% of cells with mutation (M)

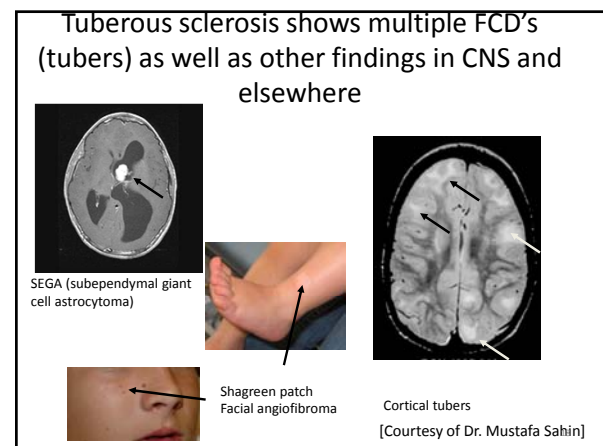
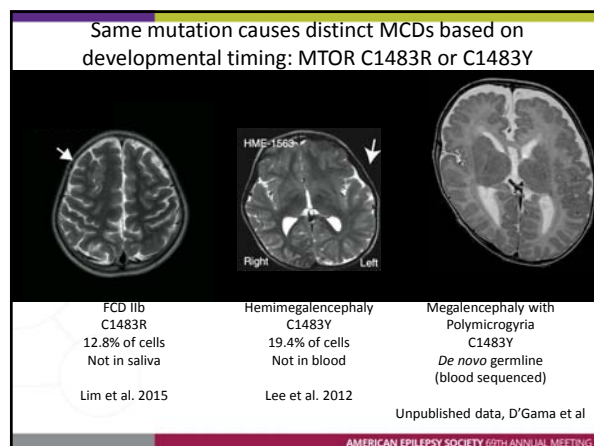
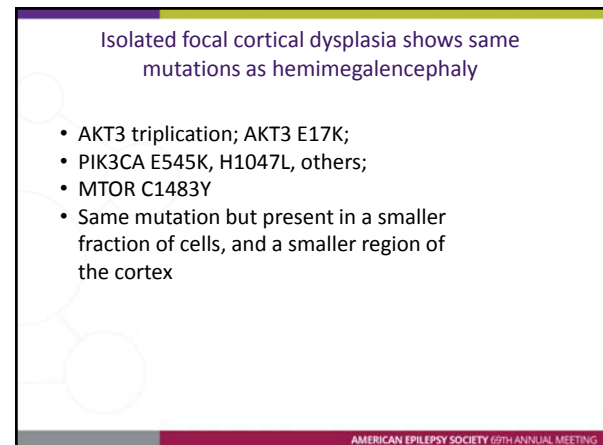
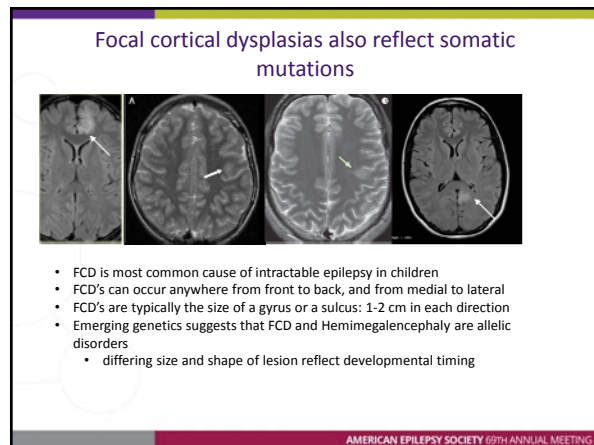
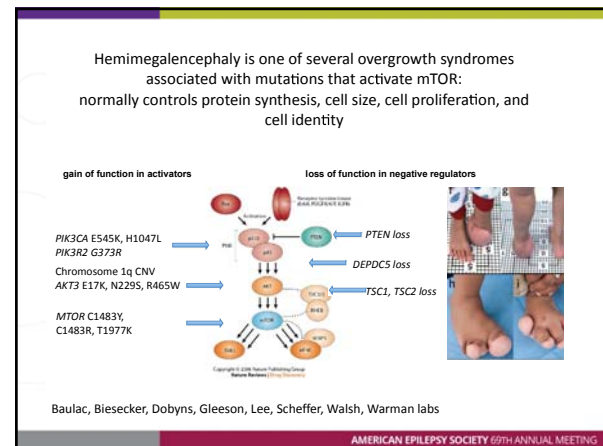
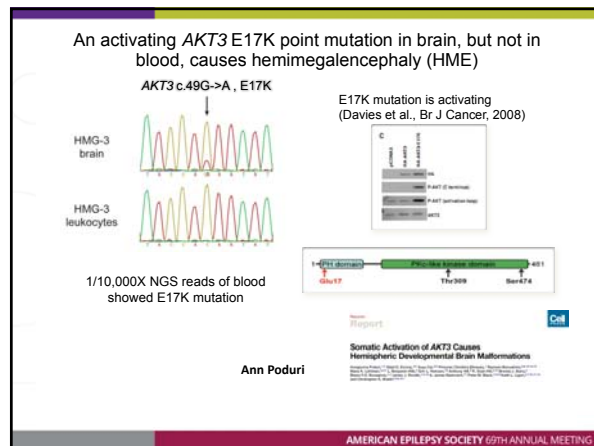
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### Hemimegalencephaly represents gain of function mutations in the *MTOR* pathway



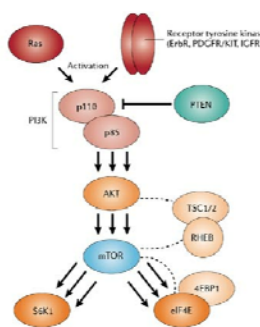
- Essentially the entire hemisphere diffusely enlarged and malformed
- No clear border between affected and unaffected areas
- 8%-35% of cells carry mutation
- Caused by several different genetic lesions
- No obvious differences between different genes

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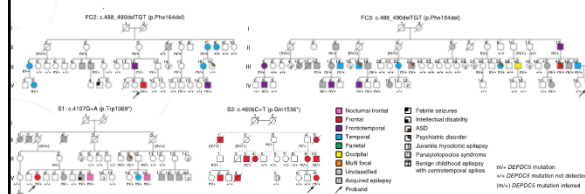
### Tuberous sclerosis is paradigm of a dominantly acting mutation with lesions caused by "second hit"

- *TSC1* or *TSC2* mutation is inherited in one of these genes, and is detectable in peripheral blood, allowing diagnosis
- *TSC1/2* negatively regulate mTOR
- Loss of *TSC1/2* causes activation of mTOR, causing abnormal growth, proliferation and protein synthesis
- Typical brain contains > 20 cortical lesions along with other features
  - Subependymal heterotopia, subependymal giant cell astrocytoma
  - Lesions probably represent inactivation of the second allele
    - Examples confirm this



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### DEPDC5 mutations cause dominantly inherited focal epilepsy

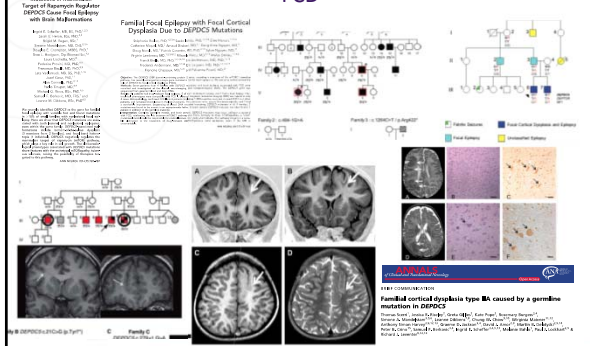


Mutations in *DEPDC5* cause familial focal epilepsy with variable foci

Mutations of *DEPDC5* cause autosomal dominant focal epilepsies

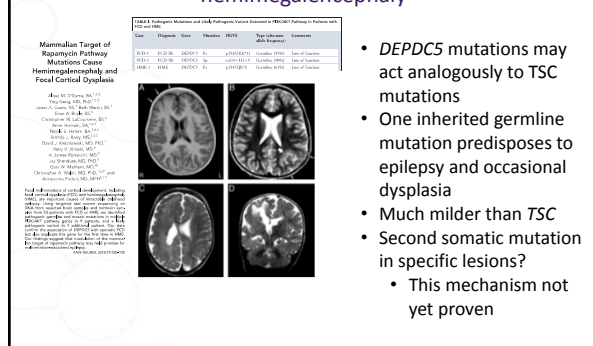
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### DEPDC5 mutations represent an inherited form of FCD



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### DEPDC5 mutations cause isolated FCD or hemimegalencephaly



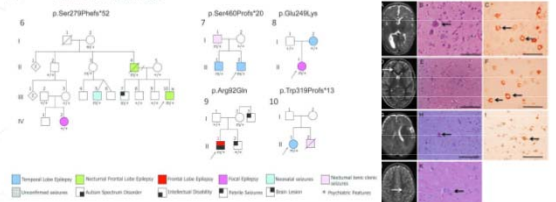
- *DEPDC5* mutations may act analogously to *TSC* mutations
- One inherited germline mutation predisposes to epilepsy and occasional dysplasia
- Much milder than *TSC*
- Second somatic mutation in specific lesions?
  - This mechanism not yet proven

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### NPRL2, NPRL3 are the newest form of focal epilepsy with occasional FCD

- Dominantly inherited Focal epilepsy without (usually) or with FCD

#### B NPRL3 families

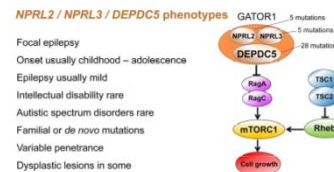


Ricos et al, Sim et al Annals of Neurology, (in press; available online)

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### NPRL2, NPRL3 are the newest inherited forms of focal epilepsy with occasional FCD

- Dominantly inherited Focal epilepsy with or without FCD
  - *DEPDC5*
  - *NPRL2, NPRL3*



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### Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- Genetic counseling impact
  - Most FCD's and Hemimeg reflect spontaneous somatic mutations of *MTOR*, *PIK3R2*, *PIK3CA*, *AKT3*
  - Some FCD's reflect inherited *DEPDC5*, *NPRL2*, *NPRL3* mutations
- Future treatment impact
  - A significant proportion of frontal epilepsy associated with mutations in MTOR pathway
  - Effective inhibitors of MTOR suggest potential mechanistic therapies of these frontal lobe epilepsies
  - *DEPDC5*, *NPRL2*, *NPRL3* mutations suggest a careful search for FCD is warranted in focal epilepsy, especially in the setting of a positive family history

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## Neuroimaging of Malformations of Cortical Development

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## Learning Objectives

- Review Imaging Findings and classification of MCD
- Review imaging Techniques for Diagnosis of MCD
- Describe Advances in Imaging techniques in MCD

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## Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- Appropriate Diagnosis leads to:
  - Correct Treatment
  - Correct Prognosis
- Correct classification leads to:
  - Targeted Genetic testing
  - Counseling and family planning

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## MRI Characterization of MCD

- **First Level Characterization**
  - Generalized Malformations
  - Hemispheric Malformations
  - Focal or multifocal Malformations
  - Other Structures Findings
    - Corpus Callosum
    - Cerebellum
    - Brainstem

## MRI Characterization of MCD

- **Second Level Characterization**
  - Generalized
    - Cortical
    - Cortical/Subcortical
    - Lissencephalic Vs Pachygyric Vs PMG
  - Hemispheric
    - Same as above
  - Focal or Multifocal
    - Cortical vs BSCD vs Cortical/Subcortical
    - Abnormal white matter, Signal intensity
    - Abnormal vasculature

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### Classification System of MCD

- Malformations due to Abnormal Cell proliferation or Apoptosis
- Malformations due to Abnormal Cell Migration
- Malformations due to Abnormal Cortical Organization
- Malformations of Cortical Development not Classified

Barkovich, Kuzniecky, Guerrini, Jackson, Dobyns  
Neurology 2015

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### MCD due to Abnormal Cell Proliferation

#### Microcephalies

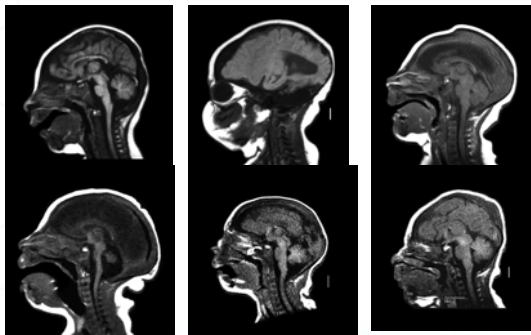
- Microcephaly with cerebellar anomalies
- Microcephaly with brainstem anomalies
- Microcephaly with normal cortex
- Microcephaly with smooth brain
- Microcephaly with other abnormalities

Several Genes involved spanning mitosis, microtubule formation, cell replication,



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### Microcephalies



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### MCD due to Abnormal Cell Proliferation

Intractable Seizures  
Hemiparesis  
Developmental Delay  
Etiology : ?  
Pathology: Variable  
Treatment: Mostly effective

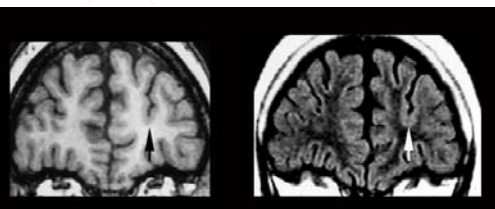
#### Hemimegalencephaly



mTOR pathies (AKT3 and PIK3CA)

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### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

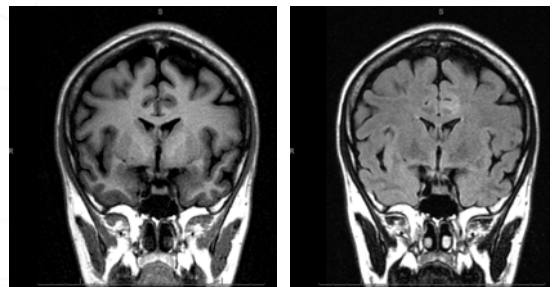


mTOR pathies

Bottom of Sulcus FCD

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### Focal Cortical Dysplasia (type IIb)



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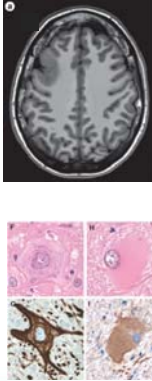


**The Problem:** 50-80% of epileptogenic Developmental lesions escape routine visual inspection of MRI

Kuzniecky & Barkovich, 2001; Lerner et al)  
Most common pathological finding in surgical specimen in cryptogenic patients

Potential reasons:

- Mostly represent subtle lesions
- May contain pathological features that are visually not appreciable on current MRI sequences
  - FCD Type I: 87% have normal MRI
  - FCD Type II: 37% have normal MRI
- Highly dependent on reviewer training
- Lot of information to process:
  - NYU MRI epilepsy protocol at 3T includes 10 sequences with 739 images
  - Time available for review: < 10 min



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## Malformations due to Abnormal Cell Migration

### Lissencephalies, Cobblestone and heterotopia

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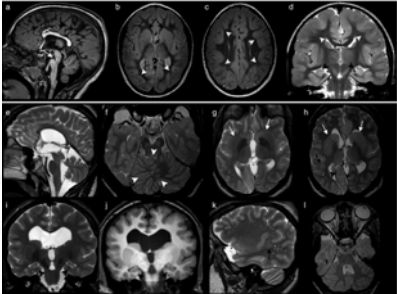
- Microtubules mutations leading to abnormalities of cortical, subcortical, white matter, callosal, cranial nerves, etc
- Microtubule-associated-proteins (MAPs) such as DCX, LIS1, Kinesins and Dynein.

#### B.

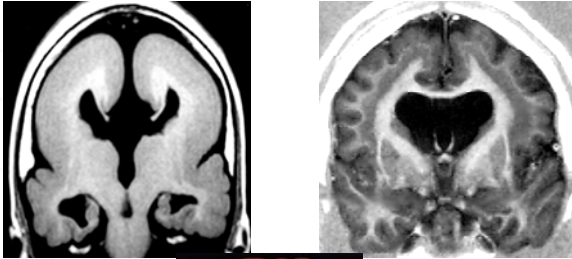
- ARX
- REELIN

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## Tubulinopathies



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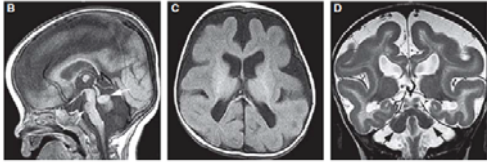
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MAPS-DCX/LIS1

16 y/o Sister

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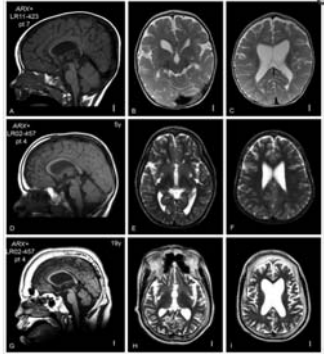
## Malformations due to Abnormal Cell Migration

### REELIN Mutation

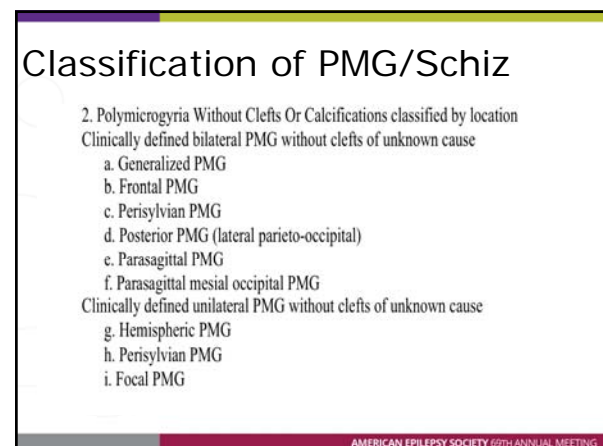
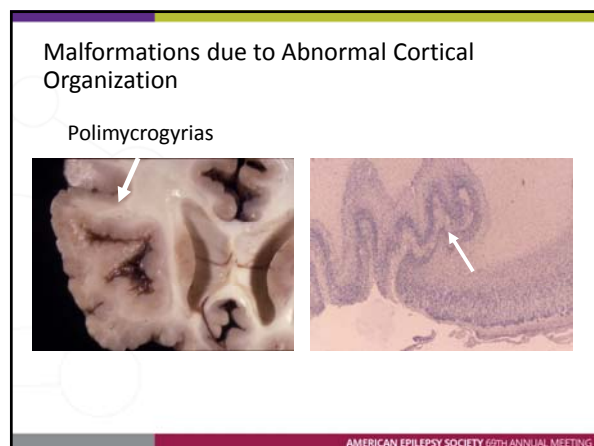
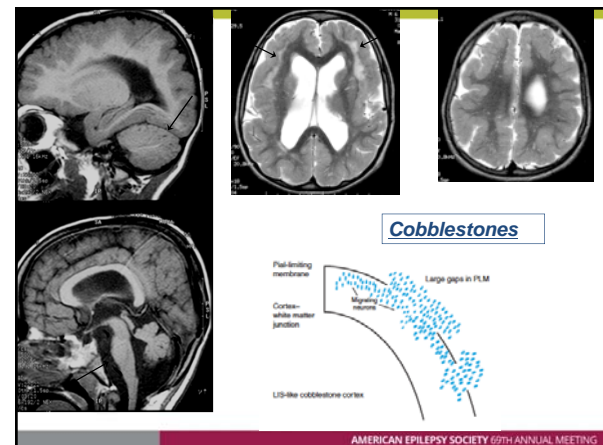
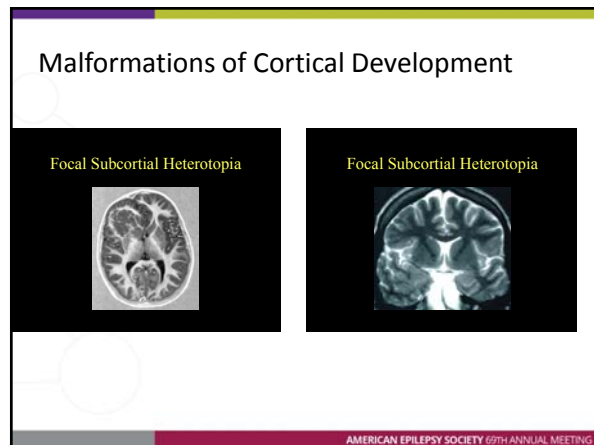
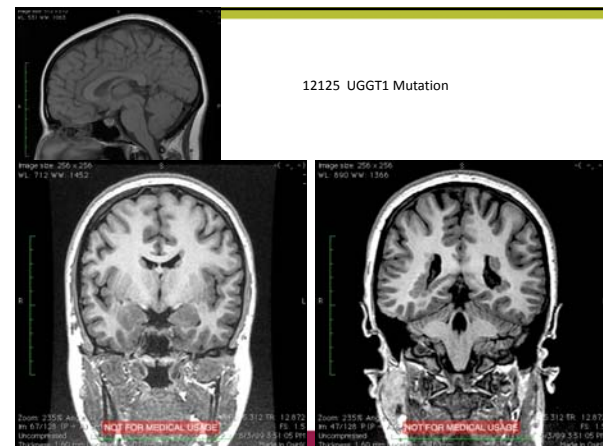
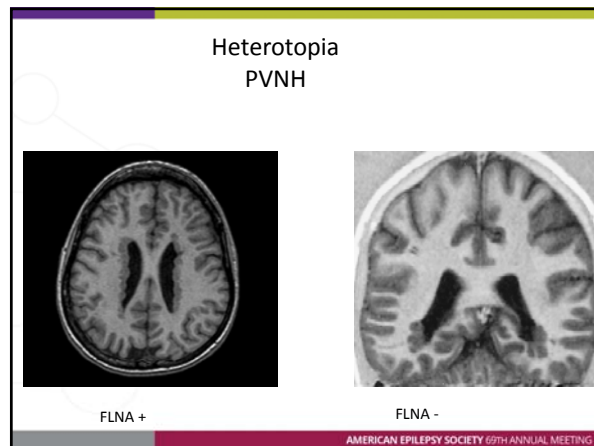


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## ARX Mutation



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## Syndromes with PMG

Syndromes With Polymicrogyria (neuropathology may differ from classic PMG)

Clinically defined syndromes with AD inheritance

- Adams-Oliver syndrome AD form

Clinically defined syndromes with AR inheritance

- Adams-Oliver syndrome AR form
- Joubert syndrome and related disorders with PMG.

Clinically defined syndromes with XL inheritance (probable)

- Aicardi syndrome

Clinically defined syndromes with XL inheritance (probable)

- Oculocerebrocutaneous (Delleman) syndrome

Genetically defined with AD inheritance (new mutations)

- Fronto-parietal PMG, variable ACC and delayed myelination of anterior limb internal capsule with *TUBB2B* mutations
- Fronto-parietal PMG, variable with *TUBB3* mutations
- Knobloch syndrome variable PMG with *COL18A1* mutations
- Aniridia, variable temporal PMG, and CBL hypoplasia w *PAX6* mutations
- Perisylvian PMG with deletion 1p36.3 or deletion 22q11.2

Genetically defined with AR inheritance

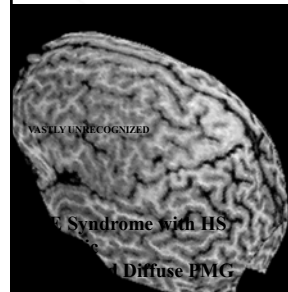
- Goldberg-Shprintzen (megacolon) syndrome with mutations of *KIAA1279*
- Joubert syndrome with variable (low penetrance) PMG and *AH11* mutations
- Meckel-Gruber syndrome
- Generalized (vs perisylvian) PMG, ACC and optic nerve hypoplasia with *TUBA8* mutations
- Perisylvian PMG, ACC, delayed myelination of anterior limb internal capsule and cerebellar vermal hypoplasia with mutation of *TBR2 (EOMES)*

Genetically defined with XL inheritance

- Perisylvian PMG, Rolandic seizures and speech-language dyspraxia with *SRPX2* mutations
- Perisylvian PMG, mild MIC and thin body habitus with *NSDHL* mutation
- Perisylvian PMG with Xq27 or Xq28 locus

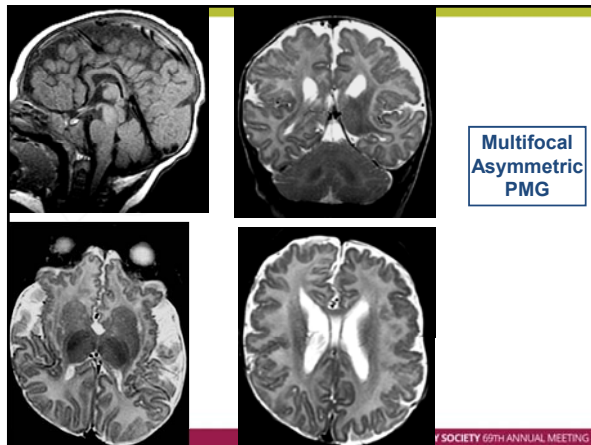
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## Polymicrogyria



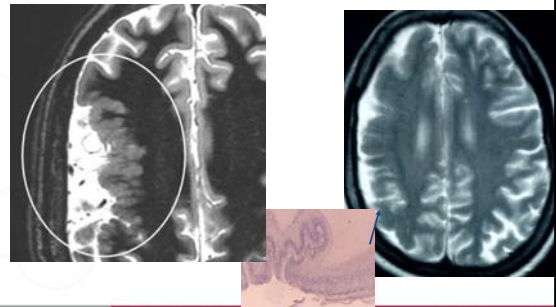
Diffuse PMG

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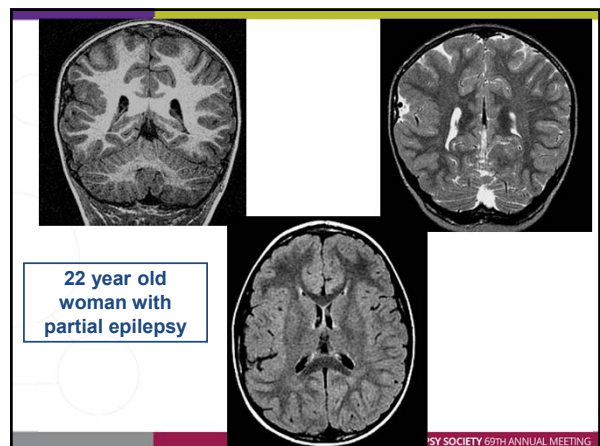
## Unilateral Polymicrogyria



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22 year old woman with partial epilepsy

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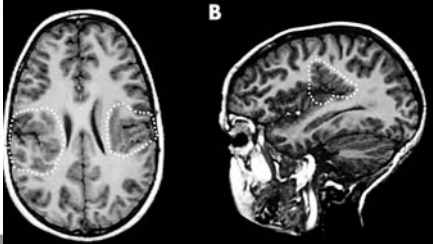


### Congenital bilateral perisylvian syndrome: study of 31 patients

RUBEN KUZNIECKY FREDERICK ANDERMANN RENZO GUERRINI  
AND THE CBPS MULTICENTER COLLABORATIVE STUDY\*

Advances in neuroimaging techniques have led to the recognition of developmental malformations of the brain during life. Careful correlation of clinical and imaging features has identified several new syndromes. We have studied patients with a congenital neurological syndrome, the corpus callosum in several patients resulted in seizure improvement. This congenital bilateral perisylvian syndrome can be clinically diagnosed and confirmed by imaging studies. Further studies are necessary to elucidate its cause.

*Epilepsia* 1993; 34(1): 608-12

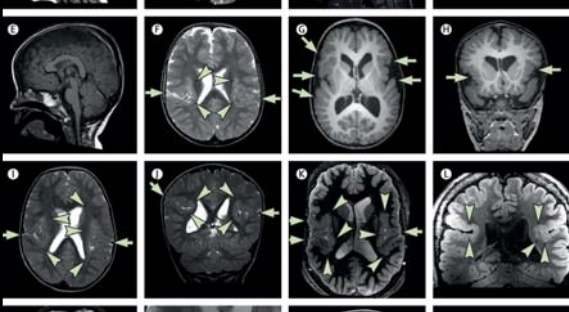


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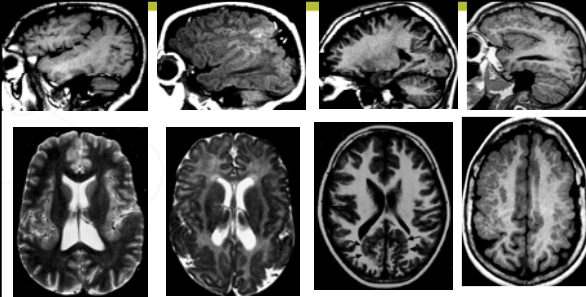


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### PIK3R2 Mutations in CBPS



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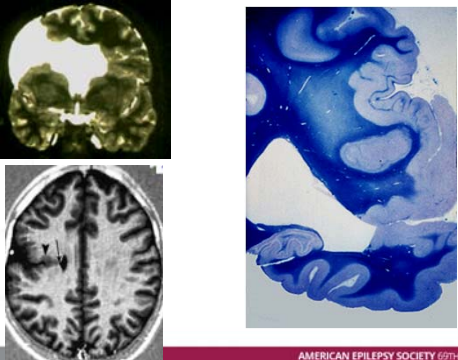


Perisylvian Parietal Par-Occ Frontal

Bilateral PMG Syndromes

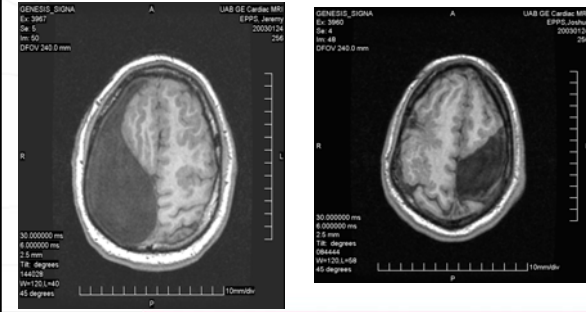
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### Schizencephaly/PMG



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### Familial SCH/PMG Syndrome



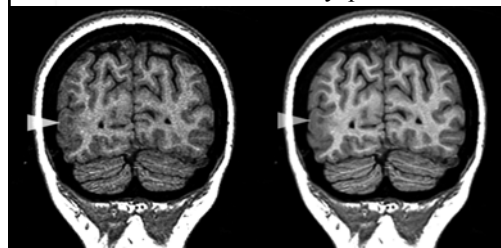
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## Improving Diagnosis of MCD's

- Better gray/white matter Contrast
- Higher in plane resolution
- Better SNR
  - Improved Coils
  - Higher Magnetic Field
- Computational Analysis
- Machine Learning
- Co-registration Multi-imaging Modalities PET/SPECT
- New Targets (inflammation, Receptors, etc)
- Network analysis

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## Image Averaging Focal Cortical dysplasia

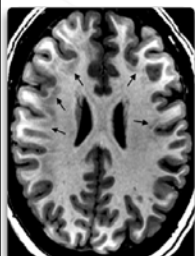
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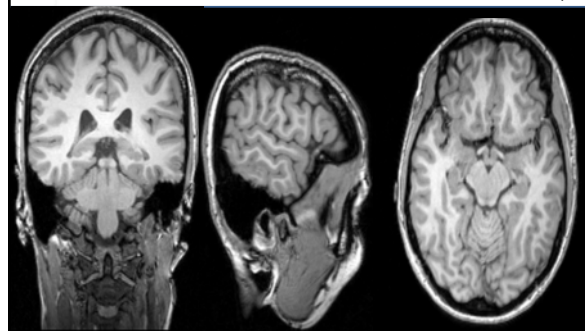
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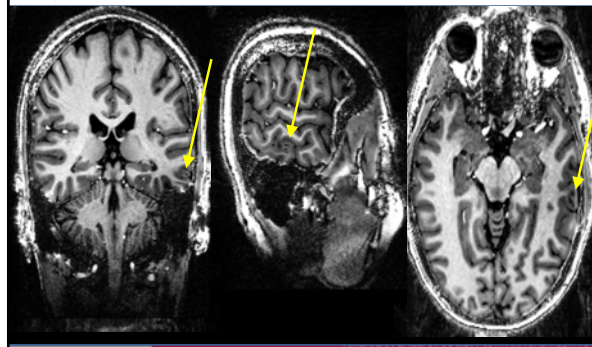
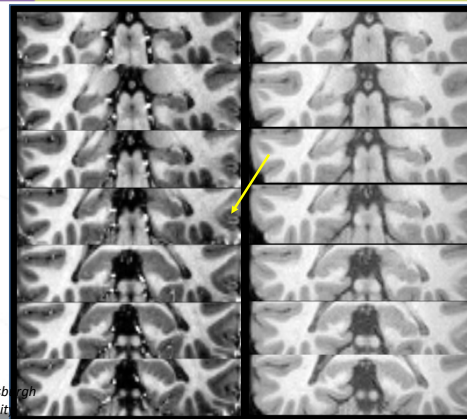
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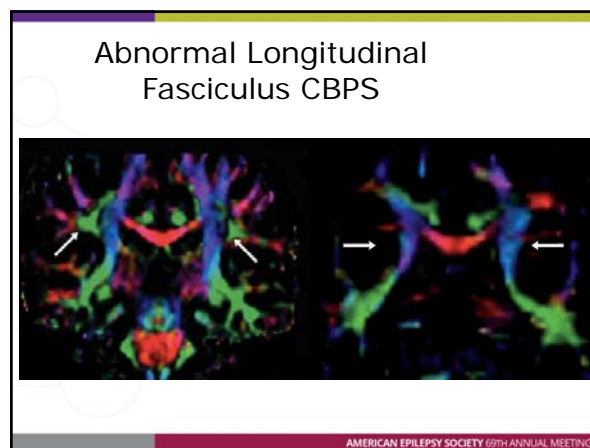
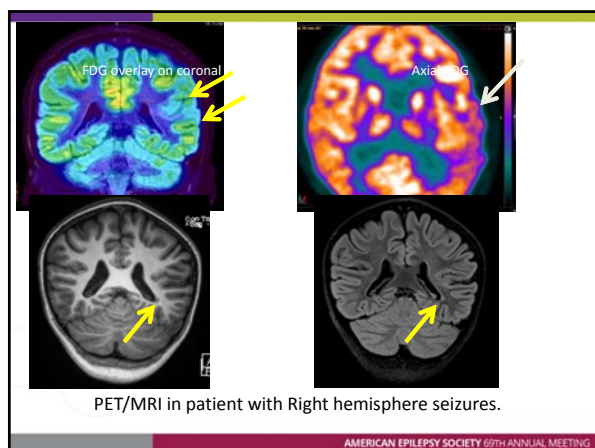
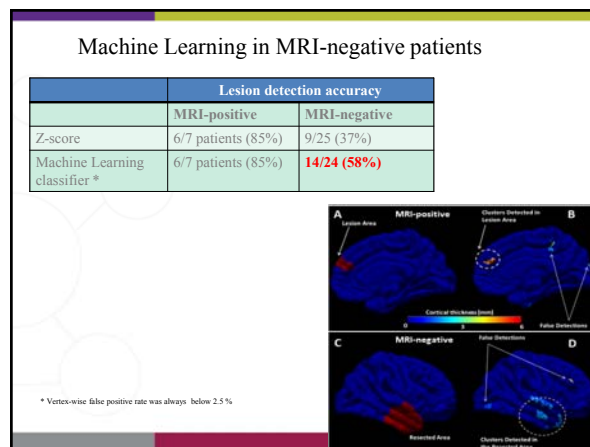
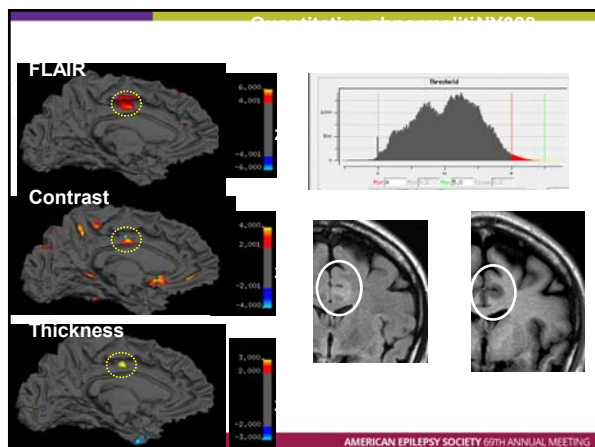
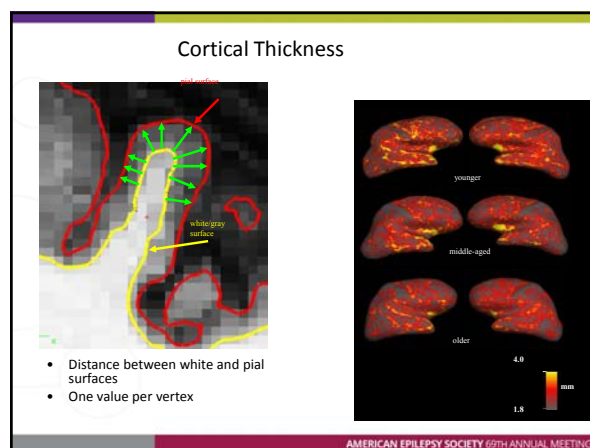
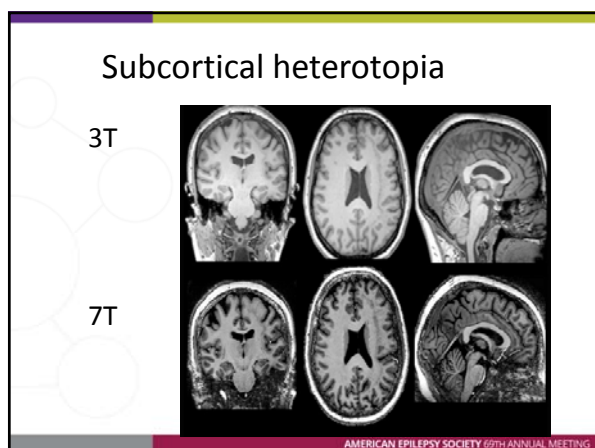
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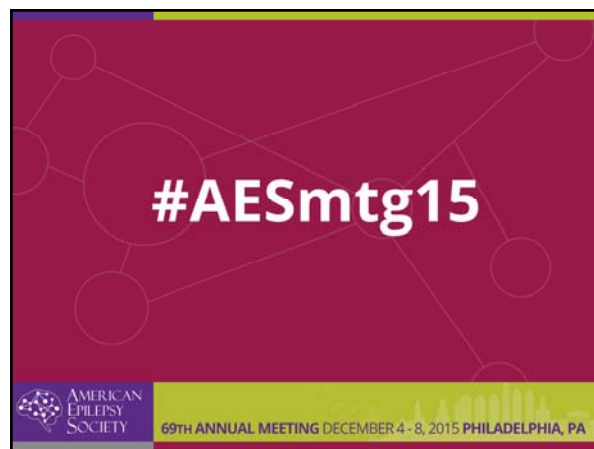
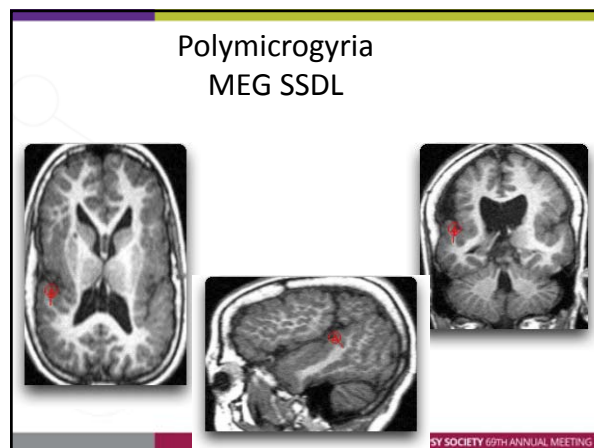
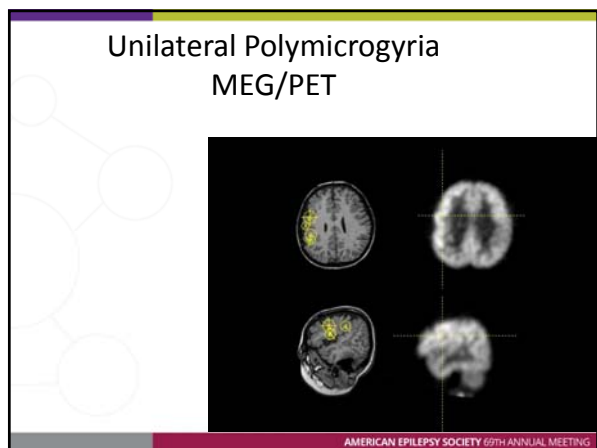
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## Neurological Syndromes Associated with Cortical Malformations

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## Learning Objectives

- Recognize brain malformation syndromes associated with epilepsy
- Understand neurologic manifestations of these conditions
- Appreciate extra-neurologic features of these disorders

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## Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- Understand the neurologic manifestations of these syndromes
  - Neurologic outcomes
  - Seizure types
- Appreciate Role that advanced genetic techniques play in resolving epilepsy syndrome etiologies
  - Exome Sequencing vs. Epilepsy Panels
  - Range of phenotypes revealed by broad genetic investigation

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## Syndromes Associated with Brain Malformations

- Well recognized syndrome but with unclear genetics
- Newly recognized syndrome, with expanding phenotypic spectrum
- Syndrome with both CNV and single gene causes

“Think outside the box”

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## Aicardi Syndrome—well recognized, genetics unclear

- **Infantile Spasms**
- **Chorioretinal Lacunae**
  - And other eye findings (e.g. coloboma)
- **Agensis of the Corpus Callosum**
- Extensive malformations of cortical development
- Association with cancer/tumors?

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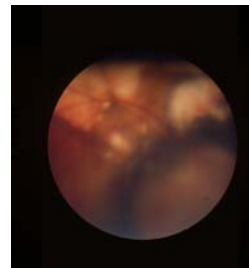


### INFANTILE SPASMS



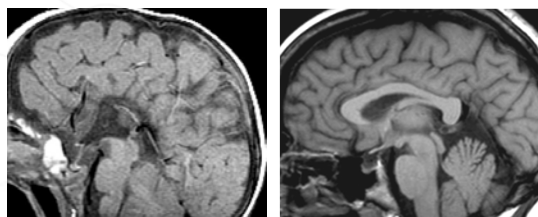
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### CHORIORETINAL LACUNAE

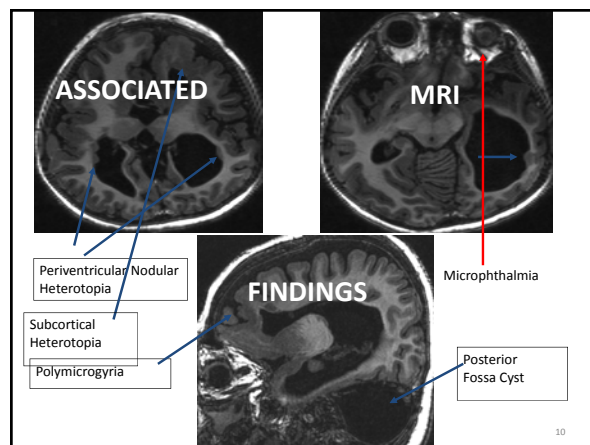


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### AGENESIS OF THE CORPUS CALLOSUM

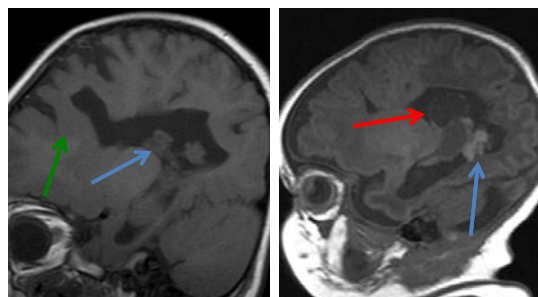


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### CHOROID PLEXUS PAPILLOMA



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### DISTINCTIVE CLINICAL FEATURES

#### Unique Genetic/Epi Aspects

- Only found in females or in XXY Males
- Never recurs in the same family
- Two cases of discordant monozygotic twins
- No ethnic predilection
- 1-3% of cases of IS
- 1-3% of cases of ACC
- >1,000 cases worldwide

#### Additional Clinical Attributes

- Eye findings:
  - Coloboma or optic nerve and iris
  - Microphthalmia,
- Skeletal
  - Scoliosis
  - Butterfly vertebrae
  - Bifurcated or missing rib
- Tumors
  - Medulloblastoma
  - Hepatoblastoma
  - Hemangioma
  - Angiosarcoma
  - Embryonal carcinoma
  - Choroid Pexus Papilloma

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## GENETIC INVESTIGATION

- No Cause yet identified
- One report of de novo mutation in gene TEAD1, but only in one patient
- Given discordant twins and no recurrence in families, may be somatic mutation that causes disorder

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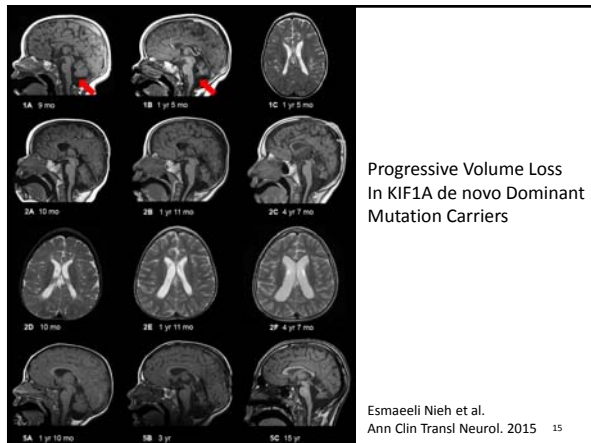
## Index Case

Newly identified genetic syndrome, expanding phenotypic spectrum

- Presented with developmental regression
- Optic atrophy
- Spastic paraparesis and peripheral neuropathy
- Seizures
- MRI showed progressive cerebellar and cerebral atrophy
- Exome Sequencing:
  - KIF1A
    - (R216H, c.647 G>A) de novo

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## PEHO Syndrome:

Progressive Encephalopathy, hypsarhythmia, hypertonicity and Optic atrophy

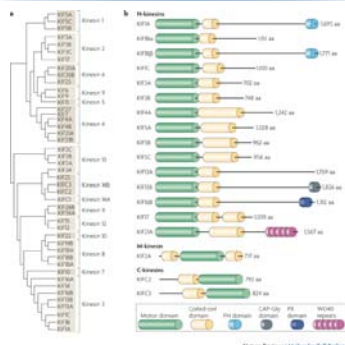
- Myoclonic Jerks and Infantile Spasms
- 4 patients with de novo T99M
- 2 patients with mutations at AA 215, 216
- Many reported KIF1A de novo mutations with regression, but without seizures, most have severe developmental impairment

Langlois, et al, *European Journal of Human Genetics* AOP 21 October 2015;

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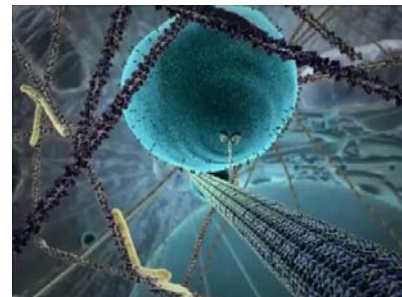
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## Kinesin Superfamily



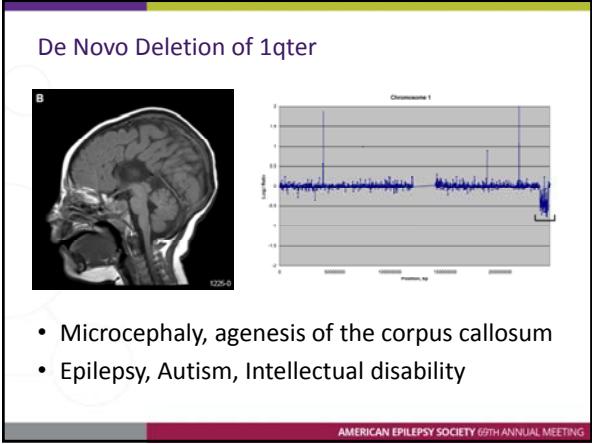
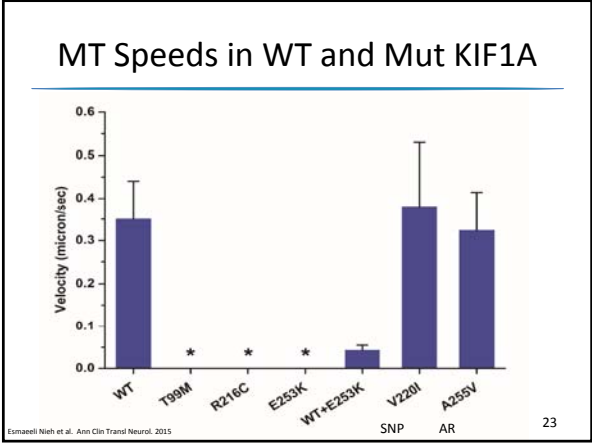
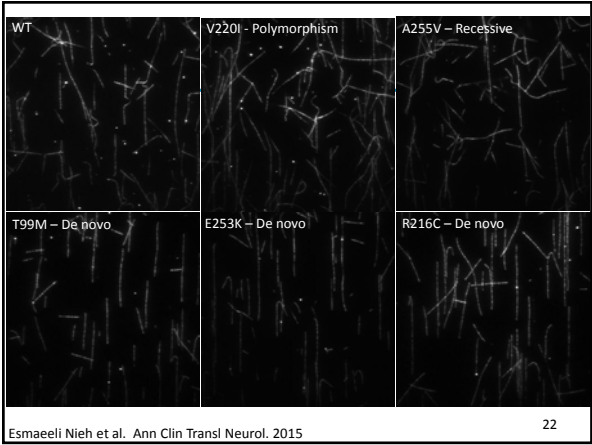
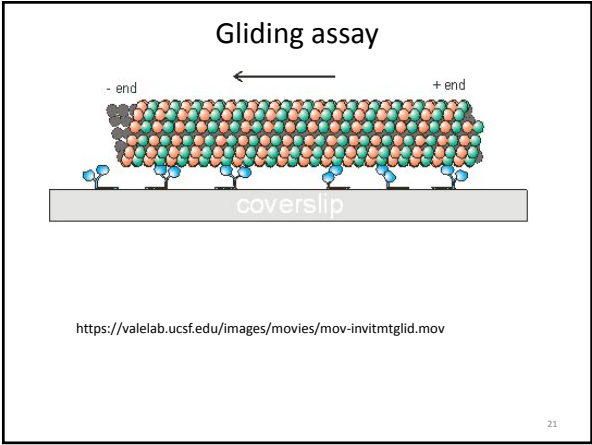
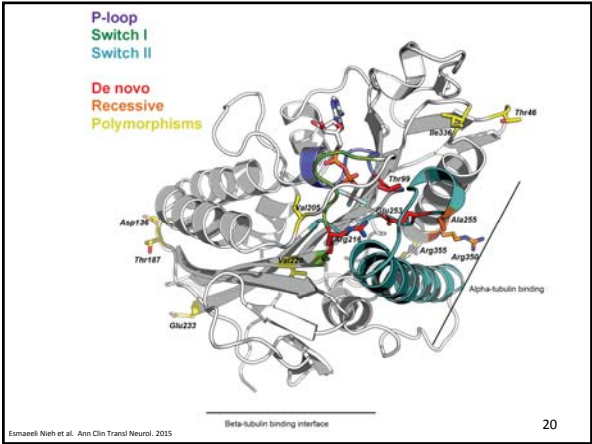
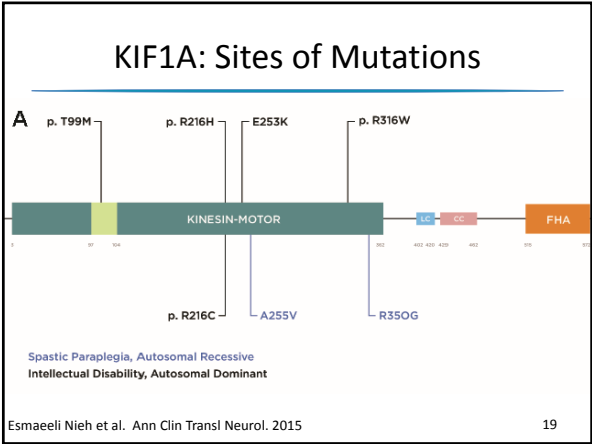
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## Kinesin moving a vesicle on MT

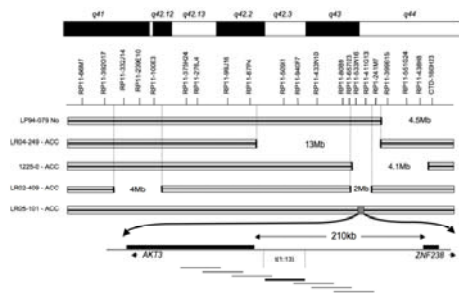


Extracted from The Inner Life of a Cell by Cellular Visions and Harvard

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## Deletion of 1qter; narrowing interval



Boland et. al, Am J Hum Genet. 2007 Aug;81(2):292-303

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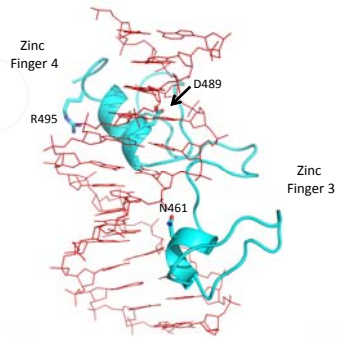
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## Exome Sequencing Uncovers De Novo Mutations

- 4 year male patient
- Seizures, ASD, GDD, microcephaly (~2.5 SD)
- MRI: partial callosal agenesis, diminished white matter volume
- Whole Exome sequencing
  - c.1466A>T in ZNF238 (ZBTB18)
  - D489V (predicted pathogenic)

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## 3-D Model of ZNF238 Binding DNA



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## Summary

- Aicardi Syndrome
  - Unique grouping of clinical and imaging findings
  - Likely de novo genetic, may be somatic mosaic
  - Involves other organ systems, may have linkage to cancer etiology
- PEHO syndrome
  - Epilepsy, progressive neurologic deterioration, brain atrophy on MRI
  - De novo mutations in KIF1A, impairing axonal transport of synaptic vesicles
- 1qter deletion syndrome
  - Epilepsy, autism, agenesis corpus callosum
  - Two likely genes: AKT3 and ZNF238
  - De novo missense mutations in ZNF238 replicate many features of syndrome

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## Medical Management of syndromes associated with MCD

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## Learning Objectives

- Review the evidence (or lack thereof) that guides medical management for people with epilepsy related to MCD.
  - Tuberous Sclerosis Complex
  - Other syndromes

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## Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- Medical management depends on patient's age and disorder.
  - Review TSC Surveillance & Treatment Guidelines
  - Review data relevant to the clinical syndrome (e.g. Infantile Spasms, Lennox Gastaut Syndrome)
- Ketogenic diet is often appropriate.
  - Review Ketogenic Diet Guidelines

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## This is a tough topic.

We all know the best chance for a cure is surgery...  
When the MCD is focal  
When the MCD is resectable

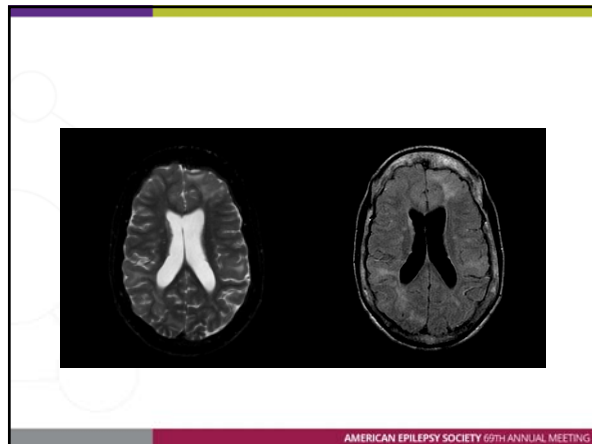
**What about those for whom surgery is not (currently) an option?**

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## Evidence is sparse.

- For people with MCD, epilepsy is often very difficult to treat.
- For people with difficult to treat epilepsy, we try everything!

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## Treatment of TSC-associated epilepsy



Original Article

### Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Surveillance and Management: Recommendations of the 2012 International Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Consensus Conference

Darcy A. Krueger MD PhD<sup>a,\*</sup>, Hope Northrup MD<sup>b</sup>, on behalf of the International Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Consensus Group

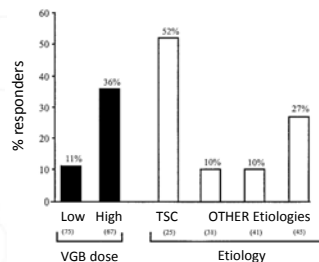
*"Anticonvulsant therapy in TSC should generally follow that of other epilepsies."*

Krueger, et al. Pediatric Neurology. 2013;49:255-265.

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## TSC + INFANTILE SPASMS = VIGABATRIN

- ~50% of people with TSC have infantile spasms.



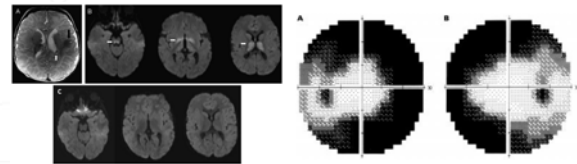
Elterman, et al. Neurology. 2001;57:1416-1421.

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## Why Vigabatrin?

- Vigabatrin ↑s GABA: irreversible inhibition of GABA transaminase.
- Inhibits mTOR pathway in mouse models.

Jülich & Sahin. Pediatr Neurol. 2014;50:290-296.  
Zhang, et al. PLoS One. 2013;8:e57445.

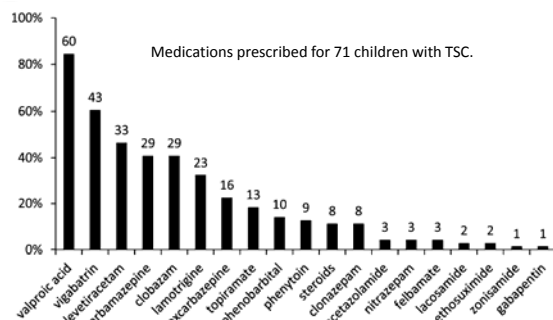


Hsieh & Thiel. J Pediatr. 2013;162:215.

Ravindran, et al. JNNP. 2001;70:787-789

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## What about other medications and seizure types?



Overwater, et al. Epilepsia. 2015; 56:1239-1245.

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## Controversy: When should treatment begin?

- For infants with TSC...
  - Recommendation for screening EEG
    - Monthly until 6 months, then every 6-8 weeks
  - Treatment BEFORE seizures occur?
  - Could prevention of spasms ↑ neurodevelopment?

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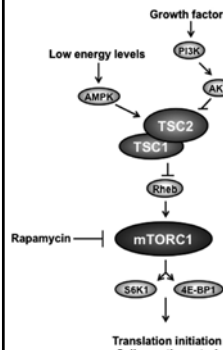
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Curatolo, et al. Eur J Paediatr Neurol. 2012; 16:582-586.

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### What about mTor inhibitors?



#### Animal TSC models:

- Prevent epilepsy
- Improve myelination
- Improve synaptic function
- Improve learning
- Better seizure control

Jülich & Sahin. *Pediatr Neurol.* 2014;50:290-296.

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### mTor inhibitors for people with TSC

#### • Everolimus for treatment of SEGA:

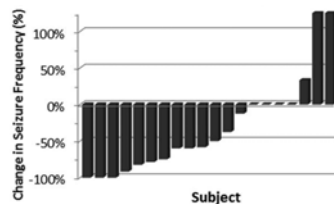
- ↓ Seizure burden after 6 months of Rx in phase II study
- Result not duplicated in phase III RCT
- Not all subjects had seizures
- Epilepsy Rx was not held constant during the trial

Krueger, et al. *NEJM.* 2010;363:1801-1811.  
Franz, et al. *Lancet.* 2013;381:125-132.

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### mTor inhibitors for people with TSC & epilepsy

- Prospective, open-label
- Phase I/II
- Everolimus 5mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day
- Goal level 5-15ng/ml



Response increased over time – duration-dependent mechanisms?  
Better seizure control – ↑ quality of life and behavior.

Krueger, et al. *Ann Neurol.* 2013;74:679-687.

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### Are mTor inhibitors ready for prime time?

- Side effects are common – *immunosuppression*

Category	Grade 1	Grade 2	Drug-Related	Terms (No.) <sup>a</sup>
Allergy	0	1	0	—
Hematologic	0	1	1	—
Constitutional	8	6	13	Fever (7); fatigue (4)
Dermatologic	11	3	4	Rash (4)
Gastrointestinal	34	2	29	Stomatitis/mucositis (18); diarrhea (6); nausea/vomiting (5); anorexia (4)
Infectious	2	29	29	Upper respiratory infection (19); otitis media (5); gastroenteritis (4)
Neurologic	3	4	1	—
Pain	1	1	0	—
Pulmonary	13	0	6	Congestion/rhinorrhea (7); cough (6)
Genitourinary	1	0	0	—
Total	73	47	83	—

<sup>a</sup>Includes only event types with occurrence ≥2% of all reported adverse events.

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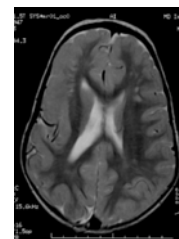
### Are mTor inhibitors ready for prime time?

Stay tuned... many more data will be available soon!

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### What about patients who don't have TSC?

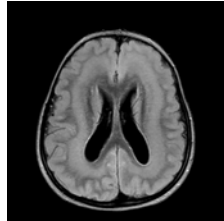
- 15-year-old with mild hemiparesis and rare focal clonic seizures.
- Chromosome 3p duplication
- Seizure-free on levetiracetam
- Would you ever wean him off?



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## Evidence is sparse

- 9-year-old with Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome
  - Ketogenic Diet
  - Clobazam
  - Felbamate
  - Zonisamide



Still having daily seizures... what do you do?

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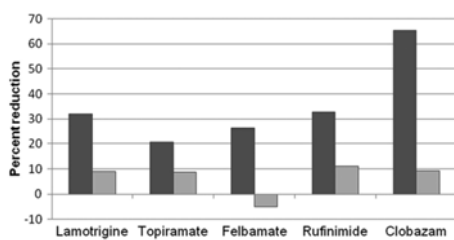
## Treating Difficult Epilepsy – the kitchen sink approach?



[http://usscouts.org/usscouts/cartoons/knots\\_kitchen\\_sink.jpg](http://usscouts.org/usscouts/cartoons/knots_kitchen_sink.jpg)

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## FDA-approved AEDs for Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome



Purcarin & Ng. Ther Adv Neurol Disord. 2014; 7: 169–176.

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## Non-pharmaceutical therapies

	Classic Ketogenic Diet	Medium chain triglyceride (MCT)	Modified Atkins	LGIT
Fat calories (% total)	90	70	70	45

- ~50% have >50% seizure reduction after 3-6 months on the KD
- Benefits: better cognition & alertness, ? medication reduction.



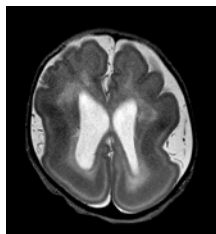
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Lemmon, et al. Dev Med Child Neurol 2012;54:464–468.  
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Farasat, et al. Epilepsy Behav 2006;8:406–410.

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## Evidence is sparse

- Presented with focal seizures @ 3 months
- Spasms @ 5 months.
- Now 3.5 yrs old – daily tonic seizures
  - Vigabatrin
  - Topiramate
  - Palliative care



Still having daily seizures... what do you do?

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## Summary of the evidence

### SPECIAL REPORT

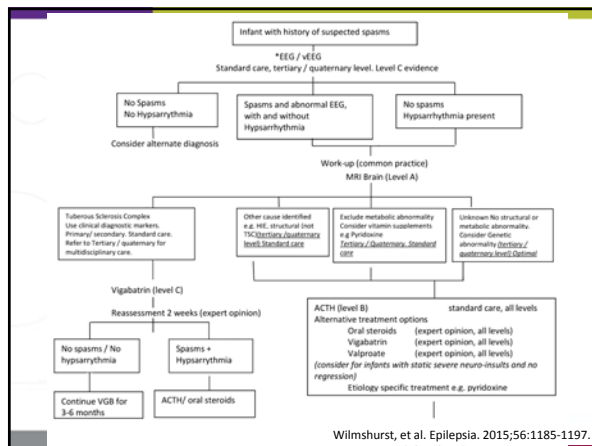
#### Summary of recommendations for the management of infantile seizures: Task Force Report for the ILAE Commission of Pediatrics

Working Group: \*Jo M. Wilmschurst, †William D. Gaillard, ‡Kollencheri Puthenveetil Vinayan, §Tammy N. Tsuchida, ¶Perrine Plouin, #Patrick Van Bogaert, \*\*Jaime Carrizosa, ††Maurizio Ella, ‡‡‡Dana Craiu, ¶¶Nebojsa J. Jovic, ##Doug Nordli, \*\*\*Deborah Hirtz, ††††Virginia Wong, §§§Tracy Glauser, ¶¶¶¶¶Eli M. Mizrahi, and \*\*\*\*J. Helen Cross

Epilepsia, 56(8):1185–1197, 2015

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## Summary

- People with MCD often have difficult epilepsy.
- They don't all need surgery.
- Sometimes medicine really works!
  - TSC + Spasms = vigabatrin.
- Lots of new options are being studied!

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## Surgical Management of Brain Developmental Anomalies

Dennis Spencer, MD

Harvey & Kate Cushing Professor of Neurosurgery  
Director of Epilepsy Surgery Program  
Yale University



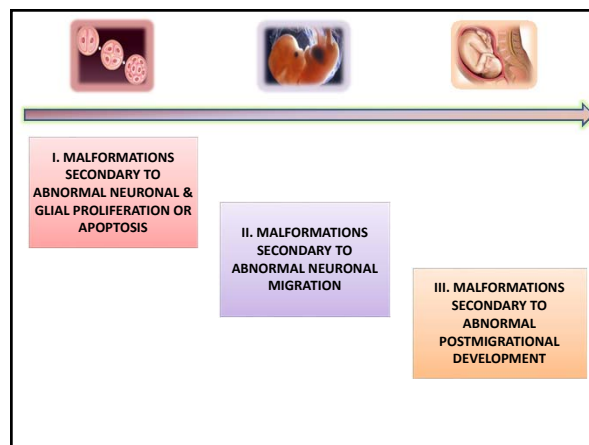
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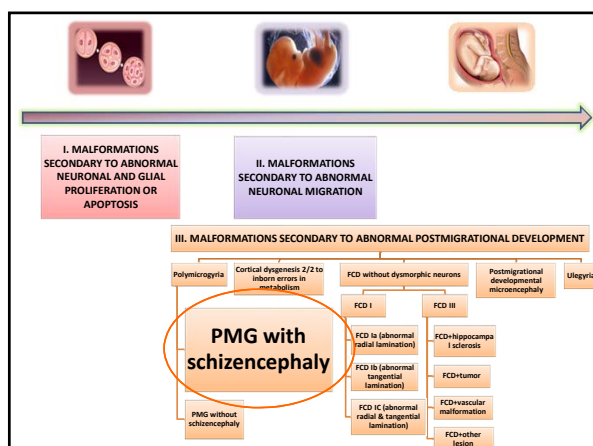
- Developmental anomalies from a surgical perspective
- Review of Yale's 30 year experience caring for patients with epilepsy in the setting of malformations of cortical development
- Case examples
  - Schizencephaly & Ulegyria
  - Periventricular Heterotopia
  - Neoplastic lesions
    - Ganglioglioma
    - Gangliocytoma
    - DNET
  - Cortical Dysplasias
    - Syndromic
    - Isolated
- Current controversies in the surgical management of focal cortical dysplasias
  - Intracranial EEG vs. intraop ECoG alone



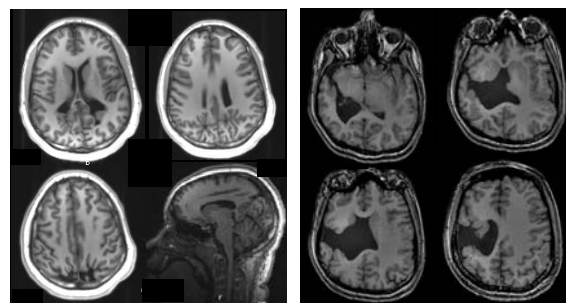
## Yale's Experience: Surgery for Epilepsy in Brain Malformations

## TYPE 3: MALFORMATIONS OF POST-MIGRATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Schizencephaly & Ulegyria



## Schizencephaly: Surgical Considerations

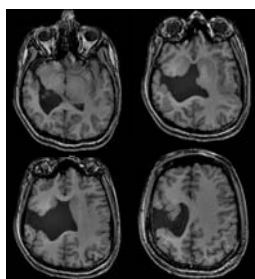


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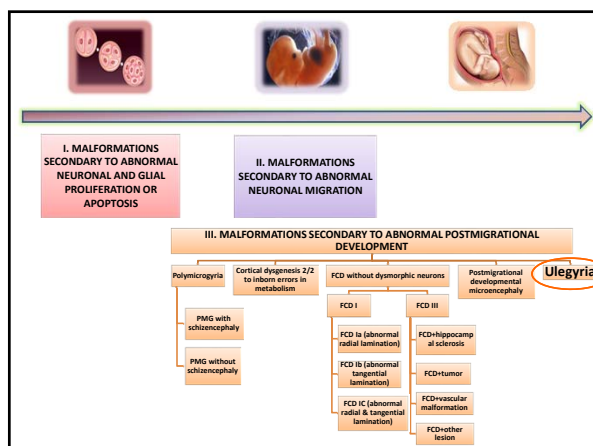
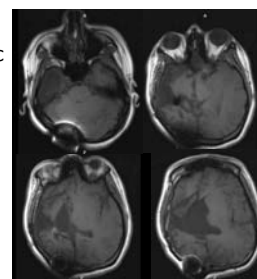
## Schizencephaly

- 18 year old right handed developmentally delayed female with refractory complex partial epilepsy since age 15
- Seizure burden: 3-4 complex partial seizures weekly lasting 1-5 minutes each



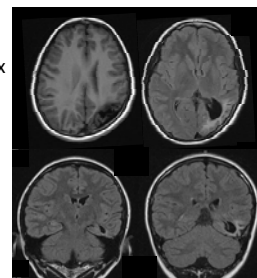
## Schizencephaly

- Video EEG demonstrated primarily right hemispheric onset
- Right hemispherotomy with subsequent shunt placement
- Seizure free following surgery



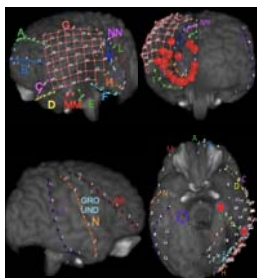
## Ulegyria

- 17 year old ambidextrous developmentally normal male with refractory complex partial epilepsy since age 9 following a mild concussion
- Brief facial twitching in infancy following perinatal umbilical hemorrhage
- Seizure burden: 1 complex partial seizure monthly lasting 10-30 seconds each



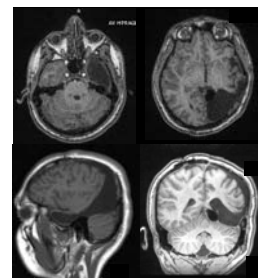
## Ulegyria

- Left > right onset
- Left > right intracranial study
- Seizures localized to left encephalomalacia and left temporal lobe



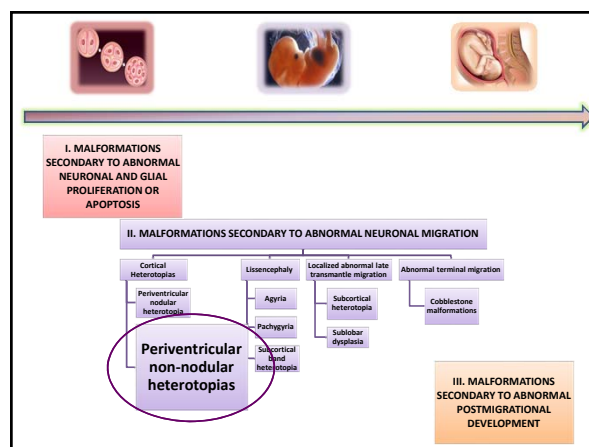
## Ulegyria

- Generous left temporo-parietal-occipital resection
- Single seizure 8 months post op after stopping medications but currently seizure free back on AEDs



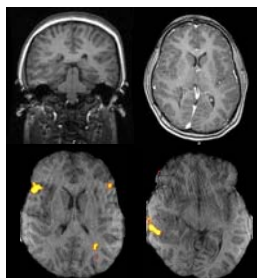
## TYPE 2: MALFORMATIONS OF NEURONAL MIGRATION

Periventricular Heterotopias



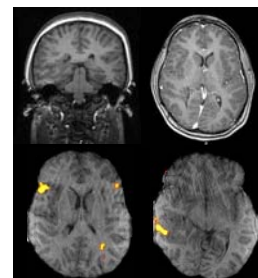
## Periventricular Heterotopia

- 16 year old left handed developmentally delayed female with refractory epilepsy since age 12
- Significant co-morbid neuropsychiatric disease onset at age 8



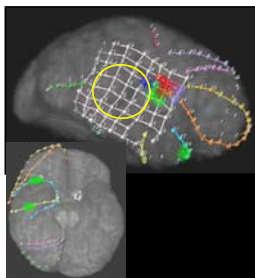
## Periventricular Heterotopia

- Seizure burden: daily complex partial seizures lasting 1-3 minutes each
- fMRI and WADA both suggest mostly right sided dominance for language



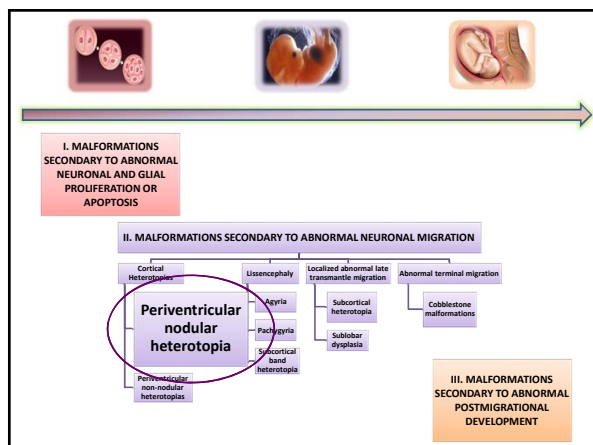
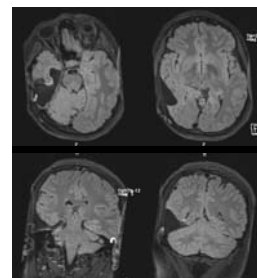
## Periventricular Heterotopia

- Underwent implantation for extraoperative language mapping given fMRI and WADA findings
- Seizures localized mostly posterior to language but with some overlap



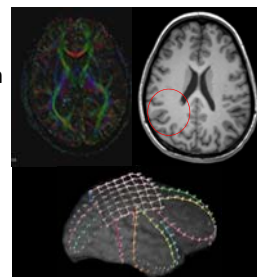
## Periventricular Heterotopia

- Right posterior temporal resection
- Seizure frequency & behavior both improved post-operatively



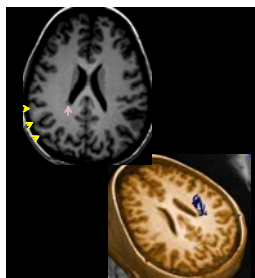
## Periventricular Nodules

- 20 year old developmentally delayed right handed female with refractory complex partial epilepsy
- Infantile spasms treated w/ ACTH
- Seizure onset at 11 years of age with 5-7 seizures daily



## Periventricular Nodules

- Seizures localized to the cortex overlying the periventricular nodule and the nodule itself simultaneously
- Tractography identified the internal capsule descending immediately adjacent to the nodule



## Periventricular Nodules

- Multi-focal resection to account for simultaneous, networked onset of seizure activity



## Surgery for Epilepsy in the Setting of Periventricular Nodules

- Historically, patients with PVH were not considered surgical candidates due to
  - 1) the deep location of these lesions and
  - 2) the need to traverse normal cortex and white matter to reach these lesions
- MR guided laser ablation has changed our management of these lesions by providing a novel technique to arrive at these deep lesions with minimal resulting en passage damage

## Surgery for Epilepsy in the Setting of Periventricular Nodules

- Esquinazi et al., report the use of MR guided laser ablation for the treatment of epilepsy in two patients with PVN
  - Patient 1: Seizure free but requires AEDs
  - Patient 2: Briefly seizure free but seizures returned and he ultimately underwent temporal lobectomy and remains seizure free post-op

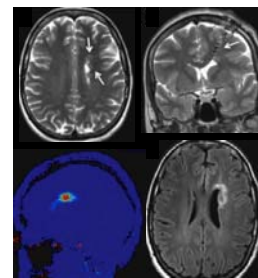
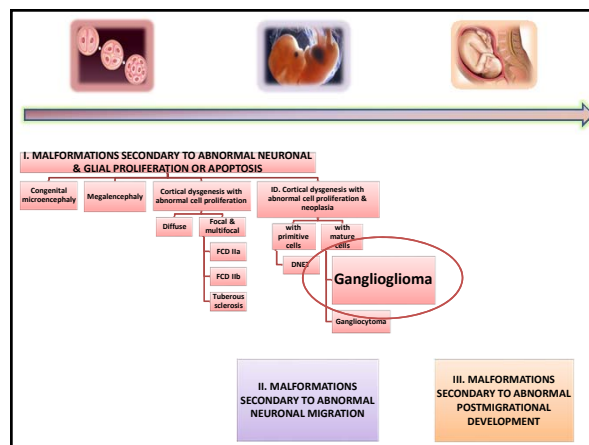


Figure adapted from Esquinazi et al., Epilepsy Research. 2014 Mar;108(3):547-54

## TYPE 1: MALFORMATIONS OF NEURONAL PROLIFERATION

Neurodevelopmental Tumors ( Ganglioglioma, Gangliocytoma & DNET) & Focal Cortical Dysplasias (Type II)



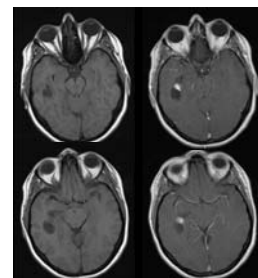
## Neurodevelopmental Tumors

Ganglioglioma, Gangliocytoma & DNET

- No need for invasive intracranial EEG for seizure localization because pathology is more focal
- Instead, serial frozen sections to determine tumor margins
  - Gross total resection of the neoplastic tissue treats the epilepsy

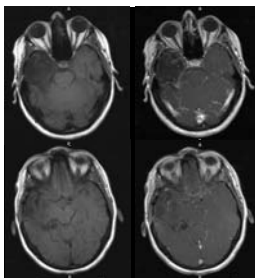
## Ganglioglioma

- 44 year old left handed developmentally normal female with new onset complex partial epilepsy
- MRI demonstrates a partially solid, partially cystic lesion within the right temporal lobe



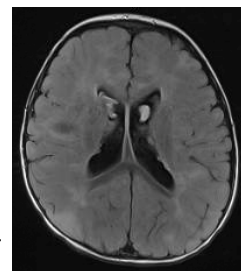
## Ganglioglioma

- Patient went for surgical resection of this presumed glial neoplasm with interval resolution of her seizure activity



## Epilepsy & Tuberous Sclerosis

- Characterized by multiple cortical tubers frequently occurring with radial glial bands
  - May also occur in conjunction with subependymal nodules and/or subependymal giant cell astrocytoma
- Tubers are histopathologically similar to FCD IIb



## Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- Focal cortical dysplasias (FCDs) are localized regions of malformed cerebral cortex, which are intrinsically epileptogenic (Blumcke et al, 2011).
- Blumcke classification divides FCDs based on pathological characteristics

FCD Type I: abnormal cortical lamination within radial microcolumns (isolated)	Dysplastic cortex with abnormal radial cortical lamination (FCD Type Ia)	Dysplastic cortex with abnormal tangential cortical lamination (FCD Type Ib)	Dysplastic cortex with both abnormal radial & tangential cortical lamination (FCD Type Ic)
FCD Type II (isolated)	Focal cortical dysplasia with dysmorphic neurons (FCD Type IIa)		Focal cortical dysplasia with dysmorphic neurons and balloon cells (FCD Type IIb)
FCD Type III (focus in the setting of a primary lesion)	Cortical lamination abnormalities in the temporal lobe associated with hippocampal sclerosis (FCD Type IIIa)	Cortical lamination abnormalities adjacent to a glial or oligodendroglial tumor (FCD Type IIIb)	Cortical lamination abnormalities adjacent to any other lesion, acquired during early life, e.g., trauma, ischemic injury, encephalitis (FCD Type IIIc)

## Focal Cortical Dysplasia & Epilepsy

- Epilepsy surgery has become an increasingly successful treatment option that can provide freedom from seizures
  - However, patients with FCD may present with negative MRI scans (especially those with Blumcke FCD I)
  - Without knowing the exact location and borders of the lesion, complete removal is challenging

## Focal Cortical Dysplasia & Epilepsy: Surgical Outcomes

- Meta-analysis of 37 studies demonstrates overall seizure freedom rates following surgery ranging from 40 to 73% in patients with all types of FCD (Moosa et al., 2014)
- Five factors correlated with good outcome
  - Partial seizures
  - Temporal location
  - Detectable lesion on the MRI
  - Type II dysplasia
  - Complete resection (absence of radiographic lesion and/or histologically proven clear margins)
- Secondary generalized seizures found to be predictive of poor outcome

## Focal Cortical Dysplasia & Epilepsy: Optimizing Surgical Outcomes

- Palmini et al., (1995) and others since describe distinct bursting and/or near-continuous rhythmic spiking patterns associated with FCD lesions
- Good seizure outcomes can be achieved when resecting these physiologic abnormalities as identified using intraoperative ECoG
- Incomplete resection of this physiologic phenomenon portends poor seizure outcome



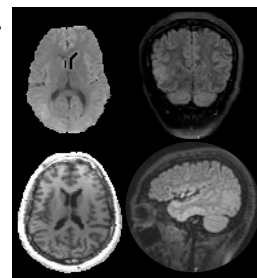
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia & Epilepsy: Optimizing Surgical Outcomes

- Ictal onset zone exceeds margin of rhythmic spiking area in many cases (Chassoux et al, 2000)
- Epileptogenicity is not necessarily limited to radiographic lesion and perilesional margins
- icEEG with depths can identify epileptogenic lesions not visible on MRI or surface EEG (Fauser et al, 2009)



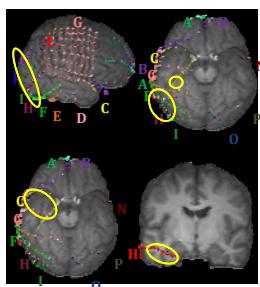
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- 32 year old right handed, developmentally delayed female with refractory complex partial epilepsy since age 8
- MRI demonstrates right temporo-occipital FCD
- Seizure Burden: 2-3 seizures/night 2-3 nights/week



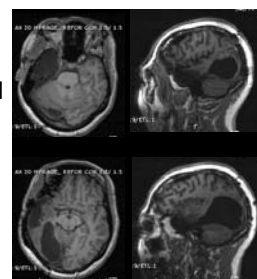
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- R > L implantation
- Multiple foci of seizure onset identified
- Large temporo-parietal-occipital resection
- Seizure free



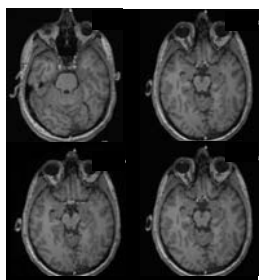
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- Cortical dysplasia was identified in the radiographically normal anterior temporal cortex in addition to the MRI abnormality in the the temporo-occipital junction



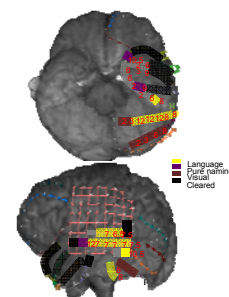
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- 31 year old right handed, developmentally normal male with refractory complex partial epilepsy since age 17
- MRI demonstrates left temporo-occipital cortical malformation with polymicrogyria
- Seizure burden: 1-2 seizures/week lasting 30-60 seconds each



### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

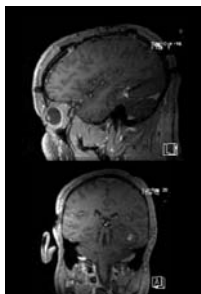
- L > R implantation
- Seizures localized simultaneously to both the anterior and posterior extents of the radiographic FCD
- Extraoperative mapping identified naming function localized to his basal temporal lobe limiting resection





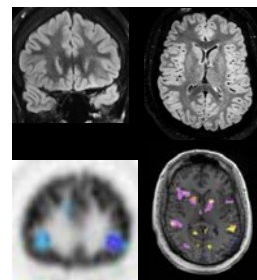
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- Stereotactic laser ablation for preservation of language cortex and visual fibers
- Post-op neuropsych identifies stable verbal naming difficulties but improved non-verbal functions
- Seizure free



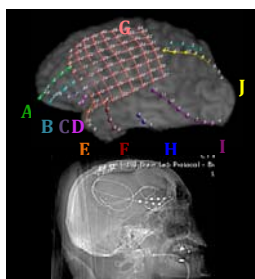
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- 21 year old ambidextrous developmentally normal male with refractory complex partial epilepsy with secondary generalization
- MRI identifies left frontal FCD
- Seizure Burden: 2-3 seizures/night 2-3 nights/week



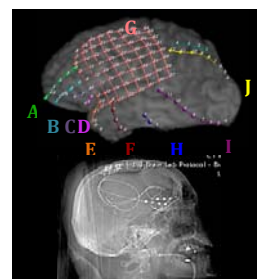
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- L > R implantation
- Seizure onset localized to left operculum and orbito-frontal cortex with rapid spread to left lateral temporal cortex
- Opercular onset overlaps with Broca's area limiting resection



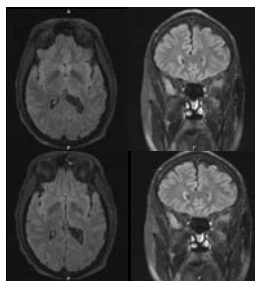
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- Lateral temporal cortex resection and placement of RNS over left frontal operculum and orbito-frontal cortex
- No evidence of FCD in resected lateral temporal cortex



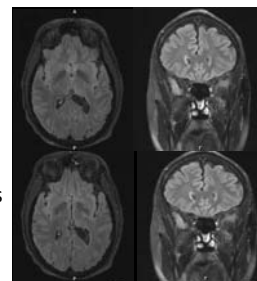
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- 51 year old male with refractory complex partial epilepsy since age 7
- Multiple medical comorbidities including coronary artery disease s/p multiple stents on aspirin & clopidogrel
- Seizure burden: 1-2 seizures/week lasting 15-20 seconds each



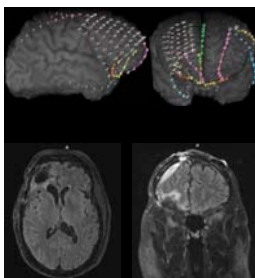
### Focal Cortical Dysplasia

- MRI demonstrates right inferior frontal FCD
- Given his medical comorbidities, intraoperative ECoG attempted to spare the need for multiple surgeries



### Focal Cortical Dysplasia (intraop ECoG)

- No definite epileptiform discharges identified so proceeded to implant for intracranial EEG
- Seizures localized to inferior orbito-frontal cortex overlying the FCD
- Seizure free



### icEEG vs. Intra Op ECoG

- What can we learn about epilepsy in the setting of cortical dysplasia from chronic icEEG
  - Record *ictal* events, not just associated discharges
  - More comprehensive mapping possible
  - Combination of depths with surface monitoring useful for localization in deep and mesial brain regions
  - Overall, leads to more robust understanding of epileptic onset region in relation to surrounding cortex

### Conclusions

- Surgery offers significant benefit to many patients with refractory epilepsy due to cortical malformations
- New classification scheme is complicated but helpful for understanding the broad range of cortical malformations that exist
- Intracranial EEG provides distinct advantages over intraoperative ECoG alone for both seizure localization and cortical mapping

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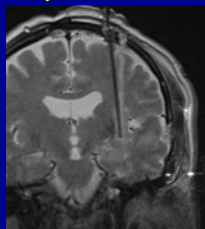
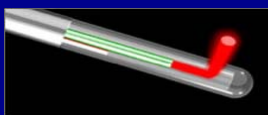
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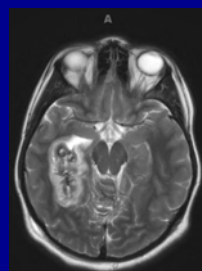
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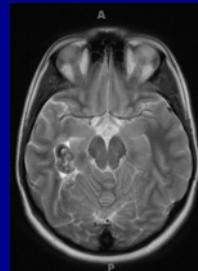


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### MRI



Peri-operative MRI



3 month post-operative MRI

### Post-operative course

- The patient tolerated the procedure well, without visual, sensory or cognitive deficits
- She remains seizure free after surgery for 18 months.

### Malformations of cortical development and epilepsy

- Genetics
- Neuroimaging
- Neurological Syndromes
- Medical Management
- Surgical Management of Brain Developmental Anomalies