

5.1.3 Neurological Diseases, Neuroscience & Mental Health Area

Epilepsy

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DESCRIPTION

This is a multidisciplinary group including the fields of epileptology, pediatric neurology, neuropsychology, and clinical genetics. We study several aspects of Epilepsy, mainly genotype-phenotype correlation of genetic epilepsy, electroclinical phenotyping, status epilepticus and neuropsychological comorbidities. Our research includes patients of all ages, children and adults, to increase knowledge about the natural history of epilepsy. We also offer new treatments for refractory patients with no other therapeutic options, providing them access to clinical trials.

MAIN LINES OF RESEARCH

- Genotype-phenotype correlation in genetic epilepsy (Susana Boronat, Asun Díaz, and Victoria Ros).
- Electroclinical and neuroimaging phenotyping (Alba Sierra).
- Neuropsychological comorbidities (Marc Turon).
- Emergency management of acute seizures and status epilepticus (Laia Turon).

SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES

- Increase knowledge about deep phenotyping of genetic epilepsies, including electroclinical phenotyping and neuroimaging features.
- Description of new epileptic genetic syndromes.
- Improving therapeutic options for acute seizures, status epilepticus, and neuropsychological comorbidities.



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