

# Epilepsy Summit brings top neurologists to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, CA (March 19, 2015) -- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles has teamed up with legendary film director and advocate, Jim Abrahams and The Charlie Foundation for Ketogenic Therapies to bring the best neurologists from all over the world to Southern California for the Epilepsy Summit 2015.

The Summit is a three day event and runs from March 26 - 28th and will be held at the gorgeous Manhattan Beach Marriott in Manhattan Beach, CA.

World-renowned pediatric neurologist Dr. Charlotte Dravet, known for her discovery of a rare and catastrophic childhood epilepsy syndrome, will be hosting a Dravet Syndrome Forum on March 26 and 28. Dr. Dravet will be coming from Paris to host the informative and interactive forum and will be joined by, Dr. Juan Pociecha of Argentina who served as one of her students.

Susan Pietsch-Escueta, executive director of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles, says this Summit will be bringing together the some of the best minds in the world to help the foundation's ultimate goal: End Epilepsy.

"We cannot be more excited to be hosting so many brilliant and passionate doctors all in one place to help teach both medical professionals and people with epilepsy, alike all best ways to treat and care for people with this awful disease." Escueta said. "We're also so fortunate to have the Charlie Foundation involved so that we can combine all of our strengths to end epilepsy."

The Charlie Foundation, named for the son of Abrahams, will be hosting the Ketogenic Diet Therapy Conference, which will run on the March 26 – 27. The conference will focus on teaching healthcare professionals how to implement and manage ketogenic diet therapies.

Research has shown that for a number of people with epilepsy, the ketogenic diet can vastly improve their treatment of the disease and in many cases, help reduce the amount of seizures they have.

The Summit is designed to cover the vast spectrum of the epilepsies and doctors, medical professionals and families can choose the forums that will provide the best information for their particular needs.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles is encouraging all people with epilepsy and those who love and care for them to attend the final day of the Summit to help get the most up-to-date information about the disease and diagnosis. Along with the medical portion of the day there will also be the opportunity for families to meet and find support from the community that has all joined in the Fight to End Epilepsy.

For more information on the Summit, please visit [www.epilepsysummit.org](http://www.epilepsysummit.org) or call the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles directly at 310.670.2870

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