

2020 NATIONAL EPILEPSY CONFERENCE



**EPILEPSY:
what's new?**

**L-EPILESSIJA:
X'hemm ġdid?**

Invited keynote speaker: Prof Helen Cross,
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children,
London, UK

**Saturday, 14th March 2020
Dolmen Hotel, Buġibba**

Registration fee: 25 EUR (includes buffet lunch, coffee breaks & parking)

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Dear Colleagues

"Epilepsy: What's New?", has been chosen to be the theme of this year's national conference of the Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association. The conference is being held in conjunction with the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of Malta. The conference, which will convene at the Dolmen Hotel on **Saturday 14 March 2020**, will highlight recent advances in the treatment and management of epilepsy. There are over 4,000 persons who have been diagnosed with epilepsy in Malta and Gozo. Epilepsy is often a hidden medical condition which requires several varying medical and support services and it can greatly affect a person's social and personal life. The conference will be opened by His Excellency, **Dr George Vella, President of Malta**. Among the speakers will be **Prof Helen Cross**, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London and **Ms Galia Wilson**, Dravet Syndrome UK and Mr **Michael Alexa**, Austrian Epilepsy Association. We also have several distinguished local speakers and interactive workshops. This is CMEA's 10th National Conference since the first one in 2001.

This conference will be of specific interest to persons with epilepsy and their families, educators, teachers and LSEs and various health care professionals and students (doctors, pharmacists, nurses etc) who work with persons with epilepsy. We are sure that this conference will be of great interest to all the participants and the interactive session will stimulate a great deal of discussion. We would like to thank you for your continuing support and interest. Attached you will find the programme and an application form for this conference. The cost has been kept at a minimum of **€25 per person**, lunch, coffee breaks and parking included. There is a limited number of seats, so apply early to avoid disappointment.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Claudine Aitken, Caroline Attard, Matthew Attard, Manuel Camilleri, Adriana Caruana Soler, Noel Mercieca, Anna Micallef, Robin Pinkston, Frank Portelli, Noel Portelli, Janet Mifsud,

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Cheques are to be made out to Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association

Name of each person attending _____

Organisation _____ Mobile _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Dietary requirements (if any) _____

Do you understand Maltese only English only Both English and Maltese

Cancellations and refunds will only be given if requests are made before 1 March 2020

All personal information will be processed in accordance with GDPR Regulations, of the Laws of Malta.

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Saturday 14 March 2020, Dolmen Hotel, Malta

- 08.30 **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09.00 **Chair** *Mr Frank Portelli, President, Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association*
Welcome Remarks
His Excellency Dr George Vella, President of Malta
Mr Anthony Gatt, Director, Caritas Malta
- 09.20 **Chair** *Dr Doriette Soler, Consultant Paediatrician*
Moving forward in Childhood Epilepsy
Prof Helen Cross, The Prince of Wales's Chair of Childhood Epilepsy;
Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Neurology at UCL Institute of Child Health;
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust, London, UK
- 09.45 **Questions**
- 10.00 **Chair** *Ms Robin Pinkston, Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association*
Epilepsy: Personal Perspectives
Ms Galia Wilson, Dravet Syndrome, UK
Mr Michael Alexa, Epilepsie Dachverband Österreich, Austria
- 10.30 **Questions**
- 10.40 **Coffee break**
- 11.10 **Panel Discussion**
Epilepsy: what's new in Malta?
Moderator *Ms Marica Cassar, Caritas Malta*
Dr Stephen Attard, Paediatrician
Dr Malcolm Vella, Consultant Neurologist
Dr Massimiliano Boffini, Medical Science Liaison Manager
Ms Karen Naughton, Parent
Mr Matthew Attard, CMEA support services
- 12.00 **Questions**
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Interactive Workshops: *How can I address my unmet needs in epilepsy?***
A **English** – moderators Robin Pinkston, Noel Mercieca
B **Maltese/English** – moderators Anna Micallef, Matthew Attard
C **Maltese** – moderators Caroline Attard, Frank Portelli
- 15.30 **Report from workshops - Prof Janet Mifsud**
- 15.45 **Closing**
Dr Denis Vella Baldacchino, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry for Health