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The International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) has just published a series of position papers in Epilepsia (the official journal of the ILAE) describing epilepsy syndromes that have been recognized as distinct electroclinical entities.

The Nosology and Definition Task Force, of the ILAE chaired by Dr. Elaine Wirrell and Dr. Paolo Tinuper led this project.

Dr. Elissa Yozawitz was a member of the Task Force.

The ILAE has a special process that papers, considered to be key publications, have to undergo. The first step is the submission of the papers to Epilepsia, with simultaneous posting at the ILAE website for comments. After the papers are reviewed by the Journal and comments are received from the epilepsy community worldwide, a second Task Force is assembled to ensure that the public comments and the Journal reviewer's comments are appropriately addressed and incorporated into the final papers. **Dr. Solomon (Nico) Moshé** was the chair of this second Task Force. The published papers are attached below.

The papers are divided into 1) Syndromes with onset in neonates and infants (up to age 2 years); 2) Syndromes with onset in childhood; and 3) Syndromes that may begin at a ---variable age meaning that they can begin either in children or adults. There is also a fourth position paper on Idiopathic generalized epilepsies.

For each syndrome described in these papers, there is a list of the diagnostic electroclinical criteria, a description of the natural history, the expected results of ancillary investigations (such as imaging and genetic studies) and the most frequent comorbidities.

It is anticipated that these papers will facilitate the recognition of the epilepsy syndromes by all medical personnel.

Introduction to the papers: https://doi.org/10.1111/epi.17262

Neonates and Infants: https://doi.org/10.1111/epi.17239

Idiopathic Generalized Epilepsy Syndromes: https://doi.org/10.1111/epi.17236

Childhood: https://doi.org/10.1111/epi.17241

Variable Age: https://doi.org/10.1111/epi.17240

Methodology: https://doi.org/10.1111/epi.17237