New roles: Aristea Galanopoulou was appointed Chair of the Research and Training Council of the American Epilepsy Society.

Grants: Rose F Kennedy IDDRC pilot grant awarded to Drs Aristea Galanopoulou and Jean Hebert on “Crk and Crkl mutations as causes for epilepsy in IDD”.

In a quality improvement endeavor, Dr. Puja Patel, with the guidance of Dr. Shlomo Shinnar and Dr. Jules Beal, successfully doubled the rate of folic acid supplementation to adolescent women with epilepsy on an antiepileptic drug regimen who are followed by the Pediatric Neurology Department from 41% to 81.6% through a series of interventions. The next steps are to extend education about the recommendations for folic acid supplementation to non-neurology providers and to apply similar interventions to assess adherence to other epilepsy quality measures.

Patel P, Beal JC, Shinnar S. Improving folic acid supplementation rates in women of childbearing age with epilepsy. Manuscript accepted to Pediatric Neurology Dec 2017, pending publication.

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