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'A Lifelong Light for Little Lives'
Remembering Charlotte Dravet (1936-2025)

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Hello Friends!

We bring you this issue of Epilepsy India during the festival season!

The cover picture is dedicated to Dr Charlotte Dravet, a legendary figure in childhood epileptology, who passed away this year.

We welcome the Presidents of IEA & IES, and other office bearers who have just taken over the reins, and carry a message of their vision of the future. We carry a Foreword from the IEA & IES Secretary Generals.

There are usual chapter activity reports, awards and announcements!

ECON 2026 organizing committee welcomes you all to Ludhiana in Aug 2026.

Param & Joy

Welcome to New IEA Office Bearers !

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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENTS OF IEA & IES

It is an honour and privilege to serve the Indian Epilepsy Association and Indian Epilepsy Society as the Presidents. We would like to thank the members of the IEA and IES for giving us an opportunity to serve both the organizations. We assure that we will work together along with the dedicated, passionate members, professionals and volunteers and maintain a good liaison with IBE as well as the ILAE.

The Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA) was formed in 1970 and the Indian Epilepsy Society (IES) 1997. IEA is affiliated with the IBE and IES with the ILAE. The current membership of the IEA is around 2000, and IES is around 1134. We hope that the membership of the IEA & IES will not only grow in the near future but all the members will actively contribute their share towards achieving the common goals of IEA & IES. While we thank the senior members for the support and guidance provided, we encourage the young members to take up leadership positions.



The progress of epilepsy care in India rests on our shared vision of excellence, innovation, and deep compassion. By advancing cutting-edge research, expanding educational opportunities, and empowering each other, we can ensure that people with epilepsy are never limited in their aspirations and will lead a better quality of life. Now is the time for collective action. Let us unite to eliminate stigma and build an inclusive community, where every patient is treated with dignity and receives care tailored to their unique needs. Together, we can forge impactful partnerships, champion patient rights, and transform the lives of millions people affected by epilepsy in our country. We are hoping that care of people with epilepsy will receive the insurance coverage.

We are proud that a number of positive developments have taken place in terms of insurance coverage for people with epilepsy and policy regarding driving. We would like to thank Dr. HV Srinivas for revising the IES constitution, which was presented during the AGM during the ECON 2025 at Chennai. We have secured an ILAE IGAP grant to develop 'out of hospital' treatments and protocols for seizure emergencies country-wide. We hope to take these further. In addition, we will endeavour to introduce a YouTube channel, which would be the voice of the organizations for the public.

Let us tackle the real challenges: improving accurate diagnosis, refining drug therapies, referring drug-resistant epilepsy cases without delay, expanding access to surgical solutions, and supporting long-term wellbeing. Through advocacy and education, with government and NGO support, we have the power to close treatment gaps and bring hope where there was none. The future is ours to shape—one where no dreams are deferred and a healthier tomorrow is within reach for all. Every step we take strengthens the foundation for optimal epilepsy care, affirming our commitment to equity, dignity, and hope. Let us lead with vision, work together and illuminate new paths for every family touched by epilepsy in India.

We seek inputs from the membership of the IEA and IES, regarding the ECON and other scientific meetings. We hope to make the scientific sessions more practical, identifying the problems and suitable solutions with participation of many different stakeholders and include novel methods of delivery and interaction during these sessions. We look forward to welcome you all to the ECON2026 on August 7-9, 2026 at Ludhiana.

With best wishes and regards.

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FOREWORD BY IEA IES SEC GEN



Dr Bindu Menon
Secretary General IEA



Dr. Vinayan KP
Secretary General IES

We are happy to present this joint newsletter from the Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA) and the Indian Epilepsy Society (IES). As Secretary Generals, we are proud of the teamwork and common purpose that unite us: improving the lives of people with epilepsy through awareness, education, research, and advocacy.

This newsletter highlights our activities and achievements across India, showcasing the dedication of our members and partners who work tirelessly for patients, caregivers, and the broader community.

IEA and IES are committed to closing treatment gaps, advancing knowledge, reducing stigma, and making epilepsy care accessible to all. Our shared goal is a society where epilepsy is understood and treated without prejudice, and this vision guides all our efforts.

We invite all members to take part, share your expertise, and get involved. Your participation makes our work stronger and more effective.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and join us in our mission to improve epilepsy care in India and beyond.

Dr. V. Natarajan - Organizing Chairman
Dr. K. Malcolm Jeyaraj - Organizing Secretary

1. Introduction

ECON 2025 was organized by Indian Epilepsy Association and Indian Epilepsy Society under the aegis of IEA- Chennai Chapter between 21st – 24th August 2025 @ Hotel Leela Palace, Chennai.

- Pre-Conference Workshops: 21st August 2025
- Main Conference: 22nd – 24th August 2025

The conference brought together leading national and international experts in epilepsy, postgraduate students, allied health professionals, and industry partners to share knowledge, innovations, and best practices in epilepsy care.

2. Pre-Conference Workshops (21st August 2025)

Three pre-conference workshops were conducted, each receiving excellent participation and feedback:

- Epilepsy Demystified.
- Masterclass in Epilepsy Surgery – Advanced Case-Based Approach.
- Hands-On Workshop for Neuro-Technologists (118 participants).

These workshops provided practical training and exposure to both clinicians and allied professionals.



3. Main Conference (22nd – 24th August 2025)

The three-day scientific program featured:

- Lectures and Orations by distinguished experts.
- Symposia and Case-Based Discussions.
- Interactive sessions with strong delegate participation.
- Interactive sessions for nonmedical members and caregivers.

The program was designed to benefit postgraduates, early-career neurologists, and practicing specialists and nonmedical members and caregivers. Delegates appreciated the academic quality and the opportunity for direct interaction with faculty.

4. Registration Report

Category & Numbers:

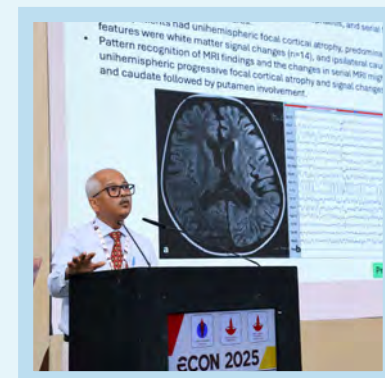
Executive Committee	9
Foreign Delegate	1
Hands-On Workshop (Neuro-Technologists)	118
IEA/IES Members	99
International Faculty	3
National Faculty	24
Non-Doctor	31
Non-Members	257
One-Day Registration (24th Aug)	23
Organizing Committee	2
PG Students/ Residents	125
Accompanying Person	32
Total	724

This strong turnout demonstrates the wide reach and relevance of ECON 2025 within the epilepsy community.



5. Inauguration

The conference was inaugurated by Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal. He spoke on the common practice of labelling individuals by their medical condition perpetuates stigma and 'it's time we moved beyond that'. Further the presidents of IEA and IES were honored for the Presidential Oration delivered at AOEC, New Delhi, 2025.



6. Outcomes

Educational Impact: The scientific sessions provided valuable learning opportunities, particularly for postgraduates and residents.

Networking: The conference facilitated interactions between national and international faculty, industry, and young neurologists.

Skill Development: Workshops enabled hands-on experience in epilepsy surgery, case-based approaches, and neuro-technology.

Participation: A record 724 delegates attended, marking ECON 2025 as one of the most successful editions.

7. Acknowledgements

The Organizing Committee extends its sincere gratitude to:

- All faculty members (national and international) for their contributions.
- The delegates for their enthusiastic participation.
- Sponsors and industry partners for their support.
- Volunteers and staff for ensuring smooth execution.



Reported by: **Dr Bindu Menon;**
Secretary-General of the Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA)

Report on Intersectoral Global Action Plan (IGAP) Workshop ECON 2025 | 24th August 2025

The Intersectoral Global Action Plan (IGAP) workshop was conducted on 24th August 2025 during ECON 2025. The event brought together national and international experts, policymakers, and people with epilepsy (PWE) for a day of insightful discussions.



Dr. Bindu Menon, Secretary-General of the Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA), welcomed participants and invited **Dr. P. Satishchandra**, President of IEA, to chair the session.

Dr. Satishchandra gave the welcome address and outlined the journey of global epilepsy initiatives: the WHO–ILAE–IBE Global Campaign Against Epilepsy (1997), Access to Essential Medicines (2000), Epilepsy Care in the World (2005), and WHO country demonstration projects (2009). He emphasized the adoption of the 10-year IGAP (2022–2031) by the World Health Assembly, built around the 90–80–70 strategy:

Dr. Bindu Menon spoke on “Why IGAP Matters: A Vision for India.” She highlighted the burden of epilepsy in India—stigma, lack of awareness, limited specialists, and treatment gaps. IGAP, she said, provides a global framework adaptable to Indian needs, stressing integration into primary, maternal, child, and mental health programmes. Advocacy, patient empowerment, and measurable national roadmaps were underscored.

Session: Global Perspectives

Dr. Francesca Sofia (President, IBE) congratulated the Indian Epilepsy Association and Indian Epilepsy society for ECON 2025. She introduced the IBE and said that IBE has taken a leap in the past for years by shaping itself and embracing a new strategic plan in the IGAP era. She spoke on global advocacy for epilepsy, empower and amplify the voice of people with epilepsy and strengthening local chapters. She spoke on people-centred epilepsy care, policy advocacy, and generating knowledge and partnership. She spoke about the epilepsy out of the shadows campaign and the strategic objectives for global advocacy.

Ms. Donna Walsh (CEO, IBE) The presentation “Global Advocacy for Local Impact” by Donna Walsh, CEO of IBE, highlighted the organization’s mission to drive social change for people with epilepsy by making it a global public health priority, amplifying patient voices, and supporting regional chapters. Key milestones were reviewed, including the World Health Assembly resolution on the global burden of epilepsy, with questions raised about how global plans translate into local action and the role of WHO and IGAP tools. IGAP targets for 2031 include a 50% increase in epilepsy service coverage and updated human rights–based legislation in 80% of countries. IBE’s approach centers on knowledge exchange, partnerships, capacity building, advocacy, and awareness, ensuring that global advocacy delivers practical impact locally.

Session: IGAP and the Indian Landscape Dr. K. Madan Gopal (NHSRC, MoHFW) mapped IGAP priorities to Indian programmes (NP-NCD, NMHP, PM-JAY, AAM). He emphasized community engagement, early detection, technology integration, and policy prioritization.

Dr. Jerard Selvam (NHM Tamil Nadu) spoke on innovations in epilepsy prevention— perinatal care, vaccination, infection control, task shifting, CHW training, and digital tele- health models.

Session: Evidence, Epidemiology and Public Health Imperatives

Dr. P. Ganesh Kumar (ICMR) stressed the need for community-level data and IGAP- aligned indicators. His priorities included embedding epilepsy in NCD programmes, closing treatment gaps, prevention (maternal/neonatal care, neuroinfection control), research, stigma reduction, and workforce training. Short-term goals: a national registry, high-burden district identification, workforce training, ASM supply, and NGO involvement.

Dr. Gagandeep Singh (President Elect IEA) emphasized local realities and primary care capacity-building through projects like STOP-Epilepsy.

Dr. Urvashi Shah called for integrating mental health into IGAP strategies through PHC-level modules, therapies, and training.

Dr. R.K. Sureka and **Dr. Malla Bhaskara Rao** shared patient-centric initiatives such as outreach camps, awareness films, mobile apps (Mirgi Samjho), and community empowerment.

Session: Advocacy that Resonates

Dr. Nirmal Surya outlined strategies to bridge the treatment gap: awareness, access, and advocacy.

Dr. Mamta Bhushan Singh emphasized advocacy as a tool for skill development and strengthening primary care.

Dr. Jayanti Mani and **Dr. Parampreet Singh** showcased the role of media, newsletters, and patient voices in awareness and IGAP implementation.

“Telling Our Story Right- Crafting Impactful Advocacy Message” – This session saw Nazia Ansari , a person with epilepsy who works as a social worker in Epilepsy Foundation India, and also as community council member for IBE South East Asian Region , share her powerful journey with epilepsy. She brought up the importance of early diagnosis and support groups . Sraddha Chaurasia , shared the challenges she faced and spoke about the importance of education , destigmatizing epilepsy and rising above it. She is now actively working with Epilepsy Foundation, India and helping other PWE.

Suchitra Narayan, consultant special educator and founder of SANSKRITI – resource centre for Inclusion , spoke on “Epilepsy And Quality Of Life.” She spoke about the need for early detection , intervention/rehabilitation and a transdisciplinary collaboration.

Nitin Kumar, a person with drug refractory epilepsy and banker by profession , shared the harsh truth of many discriminations faced by him at his workplace. Dr. Ganesh Kumar appreciated him for his courage and bringing the ground reality to the forefront.

Pooja Mehta Nandi, is a person with epilepsy with frequent seizures. She brought up the issue about how many people lack the basic knowledge of do's and don'ts for an active seizure. She optimistically highlighted having a very supportive family and support group throughout her journey.

Dr. P.K. Maheshwari discussed creating educational resources (print, digital, multimedia).

Conclusion

The workshop concluded with Dr. Bindu Menon thanking participants, especially PWE for sharing their experiences. She emphasized that the deliberations will translate into collaborative, actionable steps to bridge treatment gaps and strengthen epilepsy care in India within the IGAP framework.

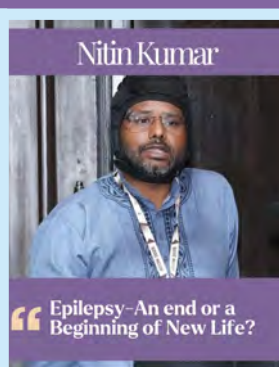
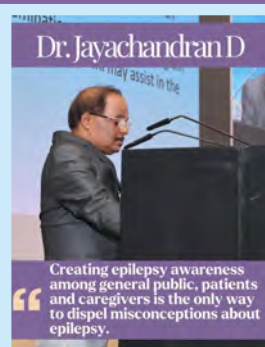
*Contributed by : Dr Gagandeep Singh,
President IEA, & Chair,
Educational Council, ILAE.*

Highlights of Indian Participation

IEC 2025, Lisbon Highlights

1. Dr. Balveen Singh and Dr. Jyotsana AS (on behalf of Indian Epilepsy Society and Indian Epilepsy Association) were proud recipients of the ILAE EPACT grant for the project proposal entitled, “EPIACT India, A national initiative on seizure action plans and rescue medicine implementation”.
2. Dr. Gagandeep Singh was Quiz-Master for the IEC 2025 Epilepsy Quiz. He also participated in Special Interest Sessions on “Primary care epilepsy education” and “Economics of Epilepsy”.
3. Dr. Manjari Tripathi delivered a plenary talk entitled, “Challenges in the evaluation of DRE in resource-limited settings”.
4. Dr. Swathy Krishnan and Dr. Lakshmi Priya, both from SCTIMST received won the first prize during the IEC 2025 Epilepsy Quiz.
5. Dr. Nandan Yardi organized and delivered a talk at the “Wikipedia Workshop during the Conference.
6. Dr. Lakshmi Naryan and Dr. Sulena participated in the ILAE Leadership course.

KS MANI FORUM ECON 2025 -REPORT



Award

Reported by : Dr Balveen Singh



EPIACT-India National Initiative on Seizure Action Plans and Rescue Medication Implementation

We are proud to share that the EPIACT-India Project - conceptualized, drafted, and spearheaded by **Dr. Balveen Singh** (*Principal Investigator*) together with **Dr. Jyotsna A.S.** (*Co-Principal Investigator*) - has been selected from nearly 80 applications submitted to the ILAE EPIACT programme. This national recognition stands as a testament to the leadership, innovation, and dedication of Principal Investigators, who have driven this project from its inception and shaped its scientific, clinical, and public-health vision. They remain at the core of every stage of the initiative - from framework design and survey development to stakeholder engagement and implementation strategy.

Endorsed and supported by both the Indian Epilepsy Society (IES) and the Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA), the project aims to establish India's first standardized, consensus-based Seizure Action Plan (SAP) model, enabling uniform, rapid, and evidence-based management of seizure emergencies across the country.

The team of *Dr. Balveen* and **Dr. Jyotsna** is further strengthened by guidance from an esteemed advisory panel:

- Prof. Gagandeep Singh – Senior Advisor, Clinical Oversight
- Prof. Vinayan K.P. – Senior Advisor, SAP Development Lead
- Dr. Bindu Menon – Senior Advisor, Rural & Community Feasibility
- Prof. Malla Bhaskara Rao – Senior Advisor, Strategy & Policy
- Prof. P. Satishchandra – Senior Advisor, National Leadership & Sustainability

We extend heartfelt thanks to the Presidents and Secretaries of both IES and IEA for their continued trust and encouragement, which has helped propel the vision put forth by Dr. Balveen and Dr. Jyotsna into a nationally recognized initiative.

A Volunteer Call is attached for your participation. We invite the epilepsy community to join hands with us in shaping the future of seizure emergency care in India.

For further details or collaboration, please contact:
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Call for Volunteers–SEIZE-INDIA Project

The Indian Epilepsy Society (IES) and the Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA) invite members to participate in a landmark national initiative:

SEIZE-INDIA: Seizure Action Plans and Out-of-Hospital Management of Convulsive Seizures across India

This project, supported by the ILAE IGAP Fund, aims to design and implement India's first consensus-driven Seizure Action Plan (SAP) tailored for diverse healthcare settings.

Why Volunteer?

- Contribute to the first consensus-based recommendations on seizure emergencies in India.
- Collaborate with leading neurologists, paediatric neurologists, epilepsy surgeons, and community leaders.
- Be part of a project that will directly influence policy, practice, and patient outcomes in epilepsy care across India.

Who Can Volunteer?

- People with epilepsy and their carers
- Neurologists, Paediatric Neurologists, Paediatricians & General Physicians
- Emergency Physicians/Medical Officers
- Paramedics, Nurses, and Allied Health Professionals
- Psychologists, Social Workers, and Patient Advocates
- Researchers and Public Health Professionals

How to Apply:

Send your Expression of Interest (in less than 500 words) by 15 November 2025 to: sgiea2017@gmail.com cc to balveen_singh@yahoo.co.in

Volunteers will be shortlisted to participate in:

- Working groups (Clinical, Community, Digital Tools, Policy/Advocacy)
- Consensus-building panels (Delphi rounds)
- Pilot implementation sites across India

Help us shape the future of seizure emergency care and the development of Seizure Action Plans (SAPs) in India.

For queries, please contact:


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Announcements




IEA Social Media Handles

*The Indian Epilepsy Association has Social Media presence now.
We can follow IEA at the below given links*

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JAIPUR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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Dr. C.B. Rathore Addressing the Conference



Lighting the Lamp & Inauguration of the EEG workshop.



Participants in the EEG Workshop



Faculty and Delegates in EEG Workshop

HANDS ON E.E.G. ONE DAY WORKSHOP

One day Hands on EEG Workshop was held on 20th July, 2025 at Hotel Raddison Green, Jaipur under the aegis of Epilepsy Association of Jaipur (a Unit of IEA) which was organized under the chairmanship of Prof Dr. R.K. Sureka, president of the association. This workshop was designed to train Neurophysicians, Psychiatrist, residents and technicians to improve their EEG reading skills. The faculty under the leadership of Dr. Chaturbhuj Rathore from Varodara, Dr. Dinesh Nayak from Chennai and Dr. AtmaRam Bansal from Medanta Hospital Gurgaon did a wonderful job in teaching the EEG reading skills where separate training session for technicians was also held. Where live demonstration was given. A record number of 172 participants, doctors and technicians registered for the workshop. An EEG quiz in the memory of Dr. Ashok Panagariya was held in the end and prizes were distributed to the winners. Other senior members of association Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Dr. Suresh Gupta, Dr. Bhawna Sharma, Dr B.L. Kumawat and Dr. Amit Agarwal participated actively in the proceedings of the workshop.



Delegates in EEG Workshop

NAGPUR PEDIATRIC EPILEPSY CONCLAVE

*Reported by: Dr. Amarjith Wagh, Organizing Secretary &
Dr. Vinit Vankhede, Organizing Chairman*

I am happy to share successful organization of National Pediatric epilepsy conclave organised by MahaAOPN endorsed by IES (Indian epilepsy society) and supported by ASEPA (Asian Epilepsy Academy) at Nagpur bet 27-29 June 2025 under the able guidance of IES secretary Dr. KP Vinayan and MahaAOPN president Dr. Vilasjadhav.



Day one had successful workshops on

- 1) Neuroimaging in Pediatric epilepsy with stalwarts Pediatric neuro radiologist and neurologist as faculty
- 2) EEG in newborn and infancy with eminent Pediatric neurologist and epileptologist as faculty.

On day 2 and day 3, galaxy of speakers including Dr. Udani, Dr. Vinayan, Dr. Derrick Chan, Singapore, Dr. Kate Riney, Australia, Dr. Sindhu, Malaysia; Dr. Maya Thomas, Dr. Jitendra Sahu, Dr. Vilas Jadhav, Dr. Sarath Chandra, Dr. Manjari Tripathi, Dr. Sita Jayalakshmi, and many more of national and international repute shared their knowledge and had in depth discussion on various aspects of Pediatric epilepsy.



The program was inaugurated by Hon. Union minister Shri. Nitin Gadkari ji, as chief guest and IAP president Dr. Vasant Khalatkar as Guest of honour.

Launch of National Pediatric genetic registry initiative is well appreciated by respected hon'ble minister Gadkari sir.

We are thankful to all seniors and office bearers of IES/ ASEPA. We are thankful to all faculties, experts and esteemed guests who attended this conference



Details:

1. 170 delegates attended the conference
2. Two workshops were full with attendance of around 50 delegates each
3. Total 20 faculties of national and international repute addressed the conference
4. Total 6 platform presentations and 40 poster presentations were done by PG students and Pediatric neurology fellows



*Reported by: Dr Atul Agarwal,
President Elect, Indian Epilepsy Association.*

Epilepsy Awareness Activity: Lucknow 03.04.2025

Epilepsy Awareness Lecture & interactive program was organized at Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Engineering & Technology of Lucknow University. Dr Atul Agarwal addressed the gathering of students and teachers. Prof Pushpendra K Tripathi, Director of Institute gave the welcome address and emphasized the need of such educative programs. Dr Namrata Singh, Assistant Professor introduced Dr Agarwal. Many misconceptions and superstitions are associated with Epilepsy. Pharmacists are very important link between doctors and patients. What is Epilepsy, its causes, First aid and importance of regular medication were discussed. Many questions were asked to participants by Dr Agarwal to make it interesting. Many students mainly Ms Rishika Rai, Anikesh Baghel and Alok kept asking questions to clarify their doubts. Emphasis was on many issues of Epilepsy- It's not being contagious disease; majority of seizures are well controlled on regular medication and a person affected by Epilepsy can lead a near normal life with minor restrictions. Even newborn infant can have seizures due to injury during birth or because of low Calcium, Sodium or Sugar. Dr Akansha Misra proposed the vote of thanks. Dr Agarwal was honoured by a Bouquet of flowers and Memento. Mr D S Dubey of JSM Biotech played the important role in arranging the event.





Lecture on Fever Related Epilepsy: Noida 10.05.2025

Dr Atul Agarwal gave a lecture at Super Speciality Child Post Graduate Institute situated at Sec. 30 of Noida. He was welcomed by it's Director Prof Arun Kumar Singh and a plotted plant was gifted to him (Pic below). Dr Agarwal addressed a large group of Resident Doctors and Faculty Members of Institute. All aspects of Epilepsy with Fever were discussed, from benign Febrile Seizures to problematic NORSE & FIRES. Approach to such patients, investigations and management were highlighted. Dean Dr D K Singh proposed the vote of thanks.



About the Cover Picture

In 1978, Charlotte Dravet described the syndrome that, in her honour, later became known as Dravet syndrome: a severe myoclonic epilepsy beginning in infancy and often resistant to treatment.

She was born in July 1936 and trained in medicine at the AixMarseille University in France, followed by a paediatric residency in Marseille during 1962–65.

She devoted her career almost entirely to the Centre Saint Paul in Marseille, working alongside noted epileptologists and living on-site to care for children with complex epilepsies.

Her work shifted the field's view of epilepsy: not just seizures, but distinct syndromes each with characteristic features, courses and treatment challenges.

Beyond her clinical insight, Dravet was an influential teacher, writer and advocate. She helped shape international classification of epilepsies, served in leadership roles in the International League Against Epilepsy and French League Against Epilepsy, and supported patient-and-family associations worldwide.

Among her honours: nominated Chevalier of the French Légion d'honneur in 2011 and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the ILAE in 2017.

Charlotte Dravet passed away in May 2025, aged 88, but her legacy remains foundational to the care and understanding of childhood epilepsy.