

Participant Information Form

Department of Neurology in Xiangya Hospital, Central South University, China, under supervision of Prof. Bo Xiao, are performing a pilot study in collaboration with the "EpiNet Study Group" to create a secure Internet-based platform that can be used to run a multi-centre epilepsy database. EpiNet Study Group is a group of doctors and associated research assistants who have an interest in epilepsy, and who have come together to undertake research into the optimal management of patients with epilepsy.

In this multi-centred pilot study, we along with neurologists from several different countries will test the website and database by entering data on patients who would be in future suitable for randomized controlled trials. In this study, we will not actually be performing any randomized controlled trials, but will be focusing on developing the platform as a tool for rapid and easy recruitment.

You have been selected because you are diagnosed with epilepsy. We invite you to participate in this pilot study. For this study you will be given a unique study number which will be used for identification purposes. We require your personal data, detailed seizure history, types of seizures /seizure syndrome, cause of epilepsy, investigations, anti-epileptic drugs being used or those used in past. This information will be entered on a secure Internet-based epilepsy database. Access to

the database will be restricted to members of the study group.

We need to collect the information so that we can be sure that we do not mix you up with anyone else. However, this information will not be made available to anyone else. However, this information will not be made available to anyone else, unless you allow other doctors who are taking part in this international pilot study to have access to it. Every effort will be made to keep all information about you confidential to the extent allowed by law. Transmission of your data will not be permitted without the approval of Xiangya Hospital Ethics Committee, and your consent. You are not obligated to participate and maintain the right to voluntarily accept or decline this invitation.

Your participation will be totally free of cost and requires no participation or registration fee. Even if you do not wish to participate in this project your treatment will not be affected in any way. You will still continue to get optimal epilepsy care as you would otherwise at the centre.