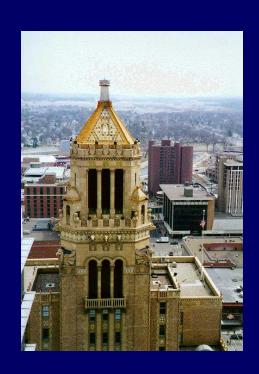


## Dietary Treatments for Epilepsy

From Minnesota to Scotland....and beyond!

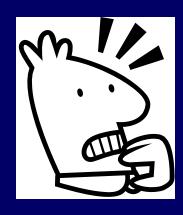


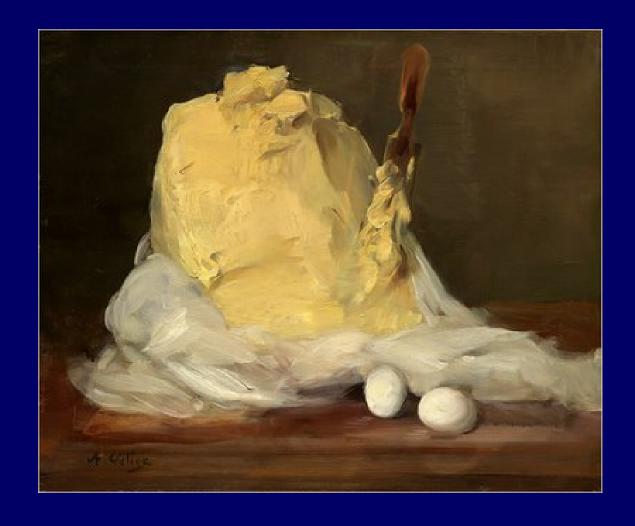


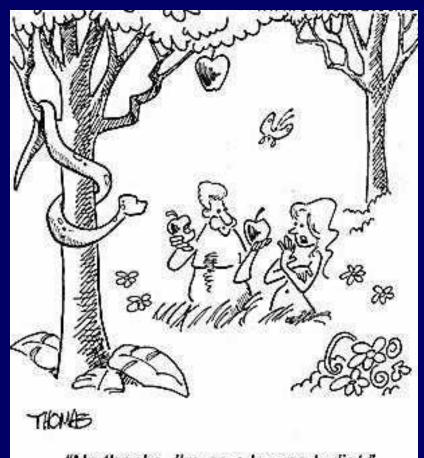
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"No thanks, I'm on a low carb diet."



### 1921

Anecdotal reports by Dr.
 Hugh Conklin of benefits
 of fasting on seizure
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FASTING AS EPILEPSY CURE.

#### Osteopaths Hear That 22 Days on Water Usually End Fits.

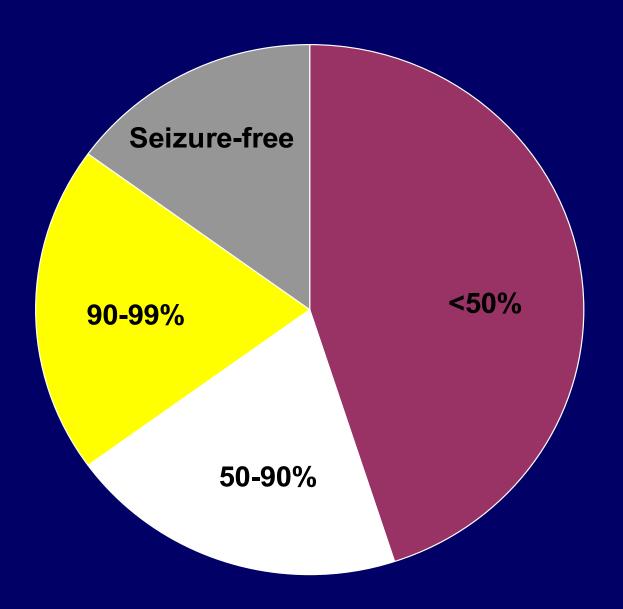
LOS ANGELES, July 5.—Epilepsy may be cured by fasting. Dr. Hugh Conklin told the twenty-sixth annual convention of the American Osteopathle Association, now in session here. Epilepsy, according to Dr. Conklin, is caused by the improper functioning of certain glands in the bowels. By fasting for twenty-two days, taking only water, a cure may be effected, he said.

"Many people," added Dr. Conklin, "fast thirty days and are never afflicted by fits again. The longest fast which any patient ever took under my direction lasted sixty days. Out of thirty-seven tests in which children were used as patients, only two still are affected by the disease. The children all were under the age of 11 years, but we effect cures in older patients in from 50 to 60 per cent. of the cases we undertake."

Dr. Wilder at Mayo Clinic,
 Rochester, MN creates a
 high fat, low carbohydrate
 diet to mimic fasting state

 Highly popular in children and adults

#### 6-month Seizure Reduction from the Ketogenic Diet





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#### OFFERING HOPE THROUGH THE KETOGENIC DIET

The Charlie Foundation to Help Cure Pediatric Epilepsy was founded in 1994 after twenty month old Charlie Abrahams, having endured multiple daily seizures, and failed every available anti-convulsant drug and one brain surgery, was cured of his epilepsy by the ketogenic diet at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The diet was undertaken despite resistance from the five pediatric neurologists he had seen.

When Charlie's parents realized that Charlie was but one of hundreds of thousands of children whose families were either not being informed, or being misinformed about dietary therapy, they started The Charlie Foundation... **READ MORE...** 















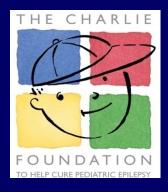
Table 1. Included Studies

| Study                                   | Study Type    | Year | Subjects<br>(Total) | Duration<br>(mo)* | Males | Age (yr)<br>Mean<br>(Range) | Diet Type | Strength o<br>Evidence† |
|---|---------------|------|---------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Hopkins and Lynch <sup>7</sup>          | Prospective   | 1970 | 34                  | 24                | _     | (1.0-12.0)                  | CD        | IV                      |
| Sills et al <sup>8</sup>                | Prospective   | 1986 | 50                  | 24                | _     | _                           | MCT       | IV                      |
| Woody et al <sup>9</sup>                | Prospective   | 1988 | 15                  | 24                | _     | 2.4 (1.7-8.0)               | MCT       | IV                      |
| Vining et al <sup>10</sup>              | Prospective   | 1998 | 51                  | 6                 | 34    | 4.7 (1.3-8.6)               | CD        | III                     |
| Freeman et al <sup>11</sup>             | Prospective   | 1998 | 150                 | 48                | 85    | (0.3-16.0)                  | CD        | III                     |
| MacCracken and<br>Scalisi <sup>12</sup> | Prospective   | 1999 | 11                  | 36                | _     | 4.8 (1.0–12.6)              | CD        | IV                      |
| Kankirawatana et al <sup>13</sup>       | Prospective   | 2001 | 35                  | 12                | 16    | 5.4 (0.2-12.0)              | CD/MCT    | III                     |
| Lightstone et al <sup>14</sup>          | Prospective   | 2001 | 46                  | 6                 | 26    | 5.3 (0.4-16.5)              | CD        | IV                      |
| Vining et al <sup>15</sup>              | Prospective   | 2002 | 237                 | 12                | 130   | 3.7 (0.2-9.8)               | CD        | III                     |
| Coppola et al 16                        | Prospective   | 2002 | 56                  | 18                | 36    | 10.4 (1.0-23.0)             | CD        | III                     |
| Trauner <sup>17</sup>                   | Retrospective | 1985 | 17                  | _                 | 10    | (1.0-13.0)                  | MCT       | IV                      |
| Hassan et al <sup>18</sup>              | Retrospective | 1999 | 52                  | _                 | 27    | 5.5                         | CD/MCT    | III                     |
| Couch et al <sup>19</sup>               | Retrospective | 1999 | 26                  | _                 | 11    | 4.4 (2.0-11.0)              | CD        | III                     |
| Maydell et al <sup>20</sup>             | Retrospective | 2001 | 143                 | 12                | 87    | 7.5 (0.3-29.0)              | CD        | III                     |
| Nordli et al <sup>21</sup>              | Retrospective | 2001 | 31                  | _                 | 18    | 1.2                         | CD        | III                     |
| Wirrell et al <sup>22</sup>             | Retrospective | 2002 | 14                  | _                 | _     | 7.3 (1.0-16.8)              | CD        | IV                      |
| DiMario and Holland <sup>23</sup>       | Retrospective | 2002 | 48                  | 12                | 16    | 6.5 (1.0-15.0)              | CD        | III                     |
| Kossoff et al <sup>24</sup>             | Retrospective | 2002 | 23                  | _                 | 17    | 1.1 (0.4-2.0)               | CD        | III                     |
| Mady et al <sup>25</sup>                | Retrospective | 2003 | 45                  | _                 | 25    | 14.4                        | CD        | III                     |

CD = classic diet; MCT = medium-chain triglyceride.

<sup>\*</sup>Total months on diet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Class I-IV based on a standard classification scheme for treatment studies (see Appendix).<sup>5</sup>





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#### SPECIAL REPORT

# Optimal clinical management of children receiving the ketogenic diet: Recommendations of the International Ketogenic Diet Study Group

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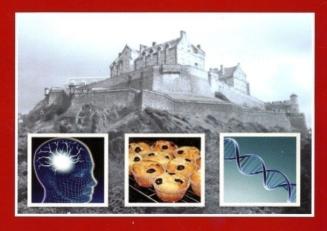


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# The "Classic" Ketogenic Diet

- 90% calories are fat
- Fluid and calorie-limited
- Foods weighed on gram scales
- Typically started in the hospital gradually over 4-5 days
  - Brief fasting period optional
- Children continued for approximately 2 years if effective





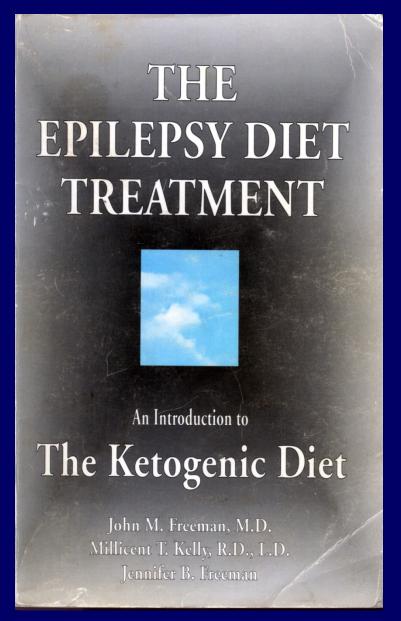
# FOOD FOR THOUGHT: THE KETOGENIC DIET AND ADVERSE EFFECTS IN CHILDREN

- Constipation
- Diminished weight gain
- Acidosis

- Kidney stones
- Growth slowing
- Hyperlipidemia
- Bone density changes







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# 2011: A "Gentler" Ketogenic Diet

- Fasting not required
- Less reliance on ketones, labs
- Adjust calories, ratio, fluids for growth and satiety
- www.ketocalculator.com
- Let the parents help decide when to stop
- Start whichever diet you want (or is available)...

# An Easier Diet for Epilepsy Patients

Bissett Schwanke first noticed that her 4-year-old daughter, Genevieve, was having tics in January 2004. Then, after she had scheduled an appointment with her pediatrician, she saw something new—a seizure. Visits to a local neurologist and tests confirmed her worst fears—Genevieve had childhood epilepsv.

"It was pretty devastating," Schwanke says. "It snowballed from head nods to four to six seizures a day."

On top of that, the prescribed drug therapy seemed to have no effect. Antiepileptics take months to take hold therapeutically, she was told. But when Genevieve's seizures became even more frequent and intense in the spring of 2005, Schwanke consulted with Hopkins neurologist **Eileen Vining**. But Vining saw some improvement in Genevieve's seizure control and recommended that she stay with the drug therapy. Give it a real opportunity to work, and then consider other options.

Schwanke knew that the high fat/low carbohydrate ketogenic diet was effective in controlling epilepsy, but it had its drawbacks, including a required fast and a hospital stay during which families are trained in the rigors of the diet. Side effects include kidney stones, constipation and stunted growth. When she returned to Hopkins, Vining told her about a less-restrictive, modified Atkins diet that also produces ketones-a chemical by-product of fat that can inhibit seizures—but requires fewer restrictions on calories, fluids and proteins, and no fast or hospitalization. Also, Hopkins pediatric neurologist Eric Kossoff was conducting a small pilot study of this diet. When Schwanke still saw no success with the anti-epileptics by the fall, she enrolled Genevieve in the six-month study. The results were astounding.

"Within 36 hours she did not have another seizure, and she's remained seizure free," Schwanke says. "It was a complete miracle. We did not expect that kind of response."

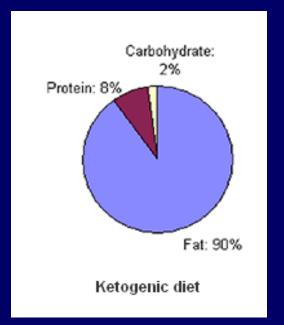
In Kossoff's study, presented at a Hopkins neurology conference and a meeting of the American Epilepsy Society last December, 13 of 20 patients had a greater than 50 percent improvement in seizures, and seven had a greater than

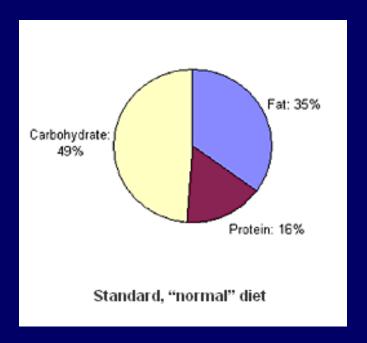


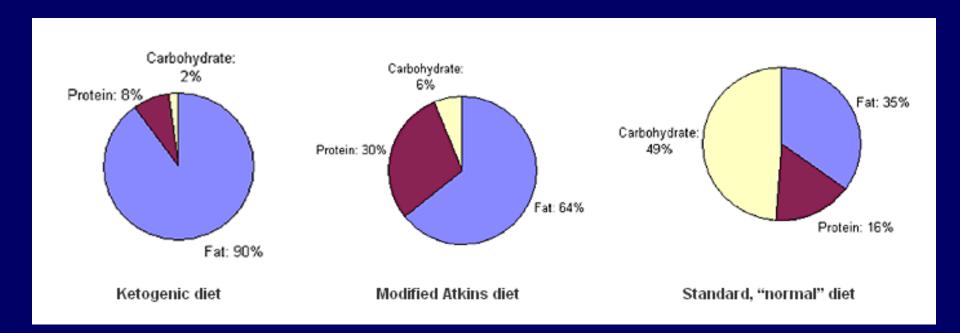
90 percent improvement. In addition to Genevieve, three other patients were seizure free. Nearly half were able to reduce or completely discontinue medications. Also, side effects were low.

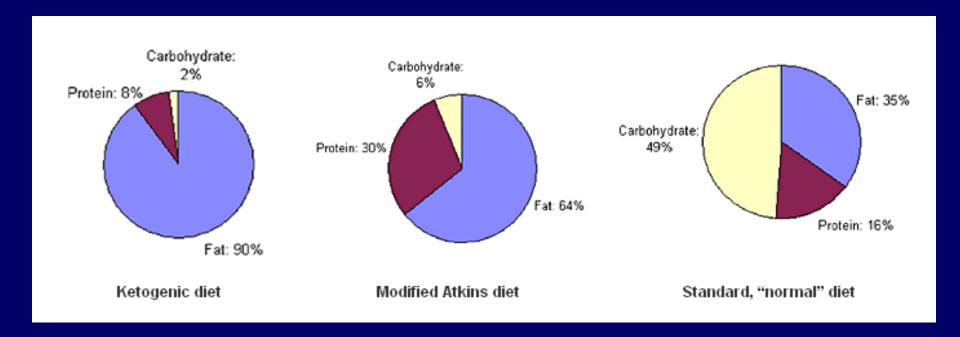
"Our findings suggest relatively good efficacy compared to the ketogenic diet," Kossoff says. "Our study wasn't large enough to say a modified Atkins diet should replace the ketogenic diet, but the results are encouraging and intriguing."

Schwanke couldn't agree more: "The meds wore her out. Now she's active, goes to school, plays with her friends. It's like we turned a page and got our child back." For more information, call 410-614-6054.









- No calorie restriction
- No fluid restriction
- No hospital admission
- No weighing of foods on gram scales
- No fasting required

# "MAD": Other Potential Advantages

- Less time needed for parent education
- Can be started urgently in the clinic
- Parents can do it along with their child
- Products available in stores

### Modified Atkins Diet: April 2011

- 100 (47%) of 214 children published with >50% seizure reduction to date
  - 26 (12%) became seizure-free

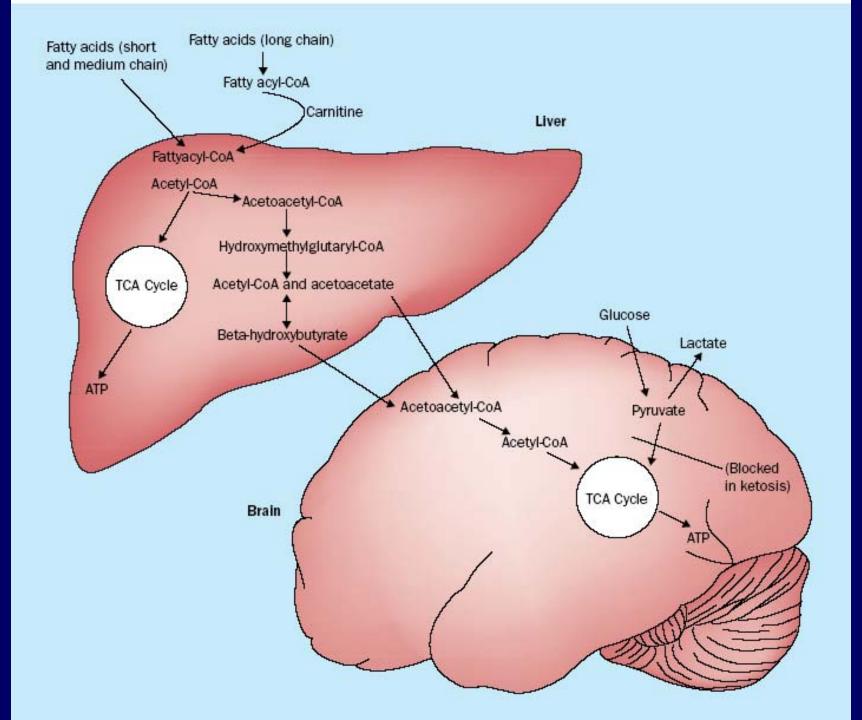
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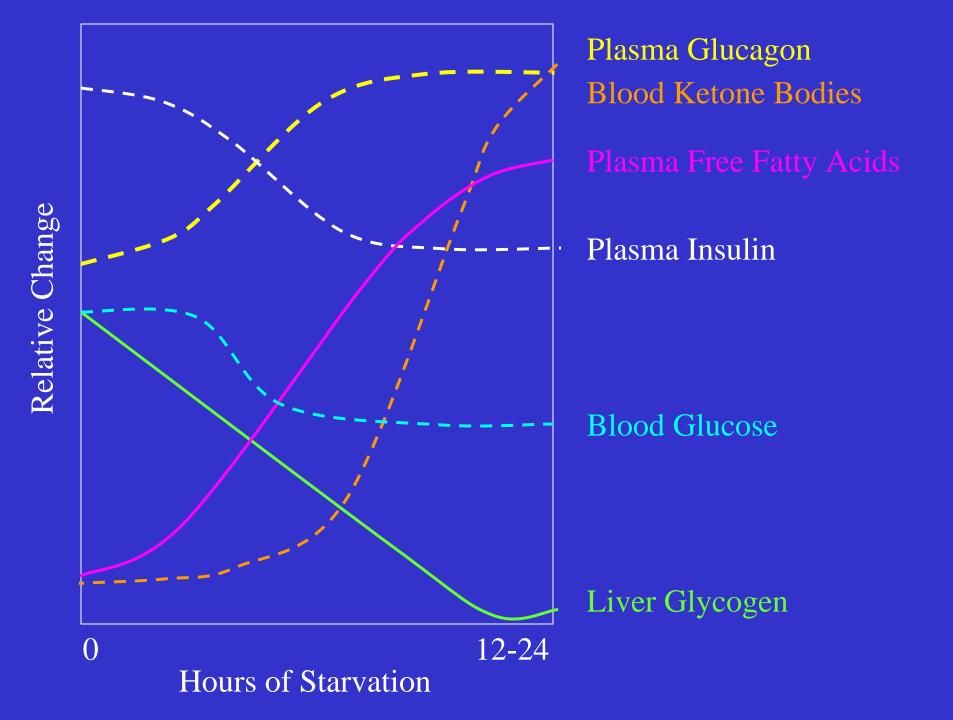
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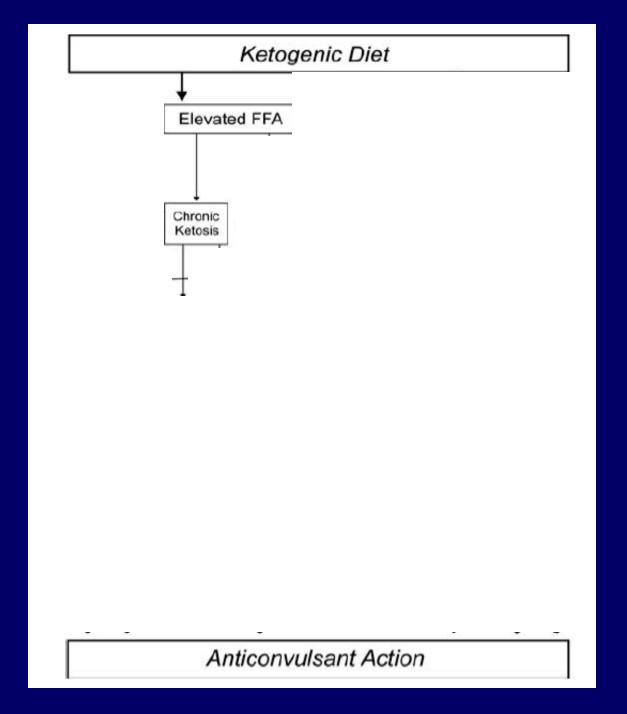
- Started on the modified Atkins diet 3 years ago by Dr. Marco Medina
  - No dietitian or prior experience with diets
  - Information translated into Spanish
- Outcome:
  - 95% reduction in seizures and 2 medications stopped
  - Mother teaching other parents in Honduras

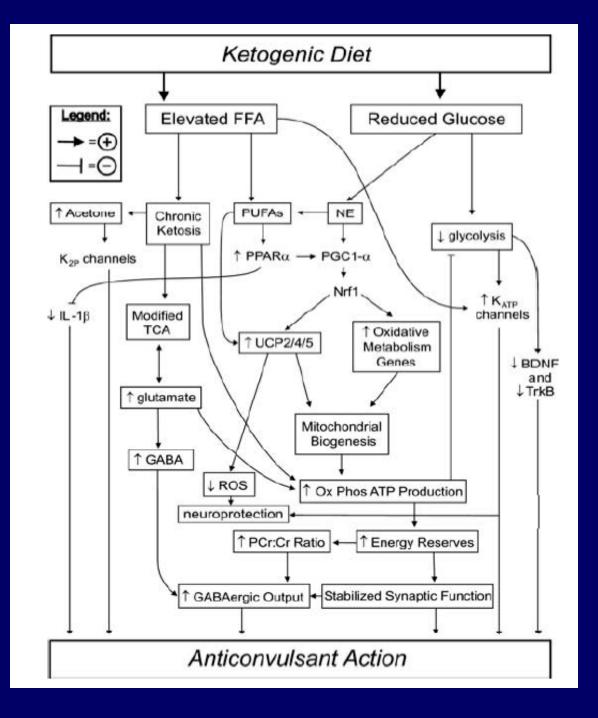
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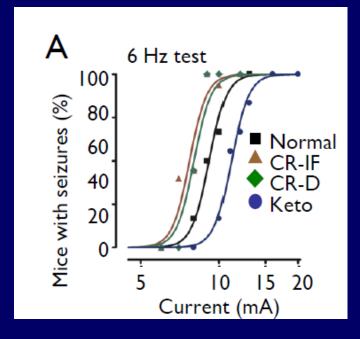








| Seizure test results |              |                       |              |                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Diet                 | 6 Hz         | Kainic acid           | MES-<br>type | PTZ                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| CR-IF                | <b>↑</b>     | $\downarrow$          | <b>↑</b>     | $\longleftrightarrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# Table I. Epilepsy syndromes and conditions in which the KD has been reported as particularly beneficial

Probable benefit (at least two publications)

Glucose transporter protein I (GLUT-I) deficiency

Pyruvate dehydrogenase deficiency (PDHD)

Myoclonic-astatic epilepsy (Doose syndrome)

Tuberous sclerosis complex

Rett syndrome

Severe myoclonic epilepsy of infancy (Dravet syndrome)

➡ Infantile spasms

Children receiving only formula (infants or enterally fed patients)

Suggestion of benefit (one case report or series)

Selected mitochondrial disorders

Glycogenosis type V

Landau-Kleffner syndrome

Lafora body disease

Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE)

## KD and Infantile Spasms

- Nordli Pediatrics 2002
  - 23 infants
    - 72% with >50% spasm reduction
- Eun Brain Dev 2006
  - 43 infants
    - 70% with >50% spasm reduction; 35% spasm-free
- Hong Epilepsia 2010
  - 104 infants
    - 64% with >50% spasm reduction; 37% with spasmfree periods

### Predictive factors for success?

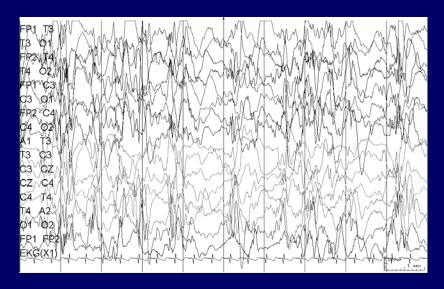
| <90%       | >90%  |   |
|------------|---|---|
| (n = 63)   | (n = 41)  | p-Value   |
| 37 (59%)   | 22 (54%)  | 0.61  |
| 46 (73%)   | 29 (71%)  | 0.81  |
| 52 (83%)   | 29 (71%)  | 0.16  |
| 0.4 (0.04) | 0.5 (0.03)  | 0.03  |
| 1786 (392) | 1693 (264)  | 0.84  |
| 1.4 (0.1)  | 1.1 (0.1)   | 0.05  |
| 4.3 (0.3)  | 2.6 (0.3)   | <0.01   |
| 48 (76%)   | 20 (49%)  | <0.01   |
| 1.6 (0.2)  | 1.1 (0.1)   | 0.01  |
| 20 (32%)   | 17 (41%)  | 0.31  |
| 745 (23)   | 726 (22)  | 0.56  |
| 45 (71%)   | 32 (78%)  | 0.45  |
|            | 37 (59%)<br>46 (73%)<br>52 (83%)<br>0.4 (0.04)<br>1786 (392)<br>1.4 (0.1)<br>4.3 (0.3)<br>48 (76%)<br>1.6 (0.2)<br>20 (32%)<br>745 (23) | 37 (59%) 22 (54%) 46 (73%) 29 (71%) 52 (83%) 29 (71%) 0.4 (0.04) 0.5 (0.03) 1786 (392) 1693 (264) 1.4 (0.1) 1.1 (0.1) 4.3 (0.3) 2.6 (0.3) 48 (76%) 20 (49%) 1.6 (0.2) 1.1 (0.1) 20 (32%) 17 (41%) 745 (23) 726 (22) |

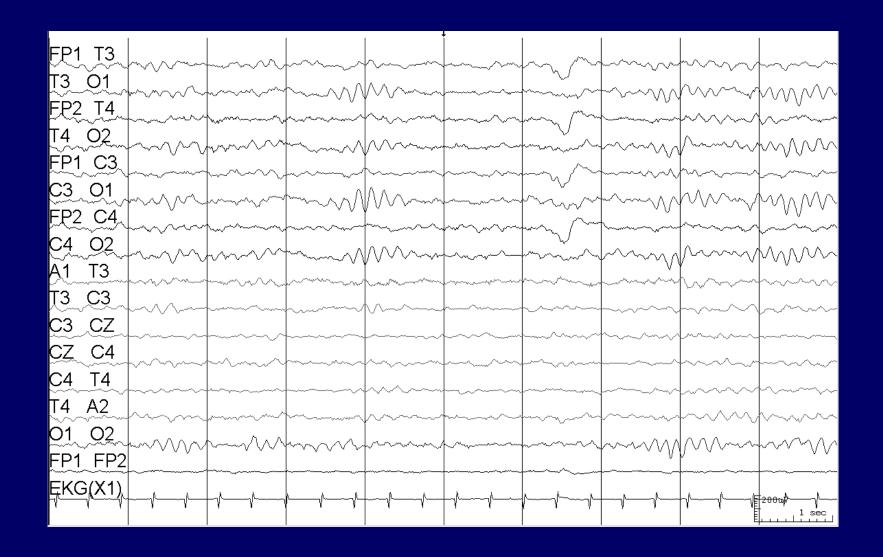
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 5 month old previously healthy girl with the acute onset of infantile spasms

- Seen in ER after 3 days
  - ACTH and vigabatrin offered

Family given another choice...





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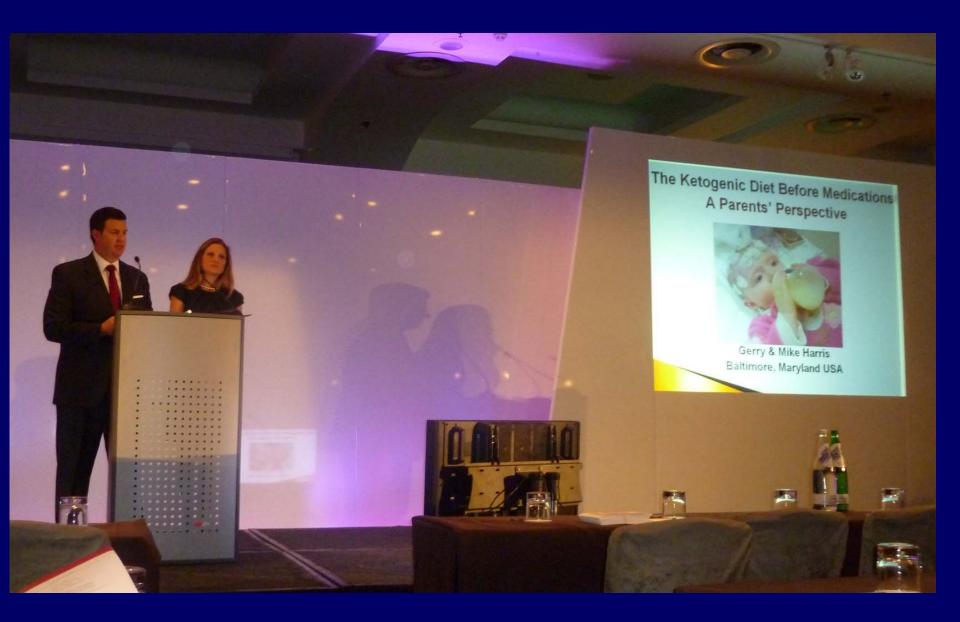
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## New-onset Infantile Spasms

Parents highly interested in the option

 Successful in 10 of 20 (50%) cases since 1996

 Ketogenic diet now routinely offered as a first line therapy for IS at Johns Hopkins

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#### EPILEPSY IN ADULTS

RESULTS OF TREATMENT BY KETOGENIC DIET IN
ONE HUNDRED CASES\*

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- 100 adults
  - Ages 16-51 years
- 56% "deriving benefit"
- "Worthy of future study"

## 70 years of disuse

- Diets seen as too restrictive for normal adults
  - Occasionally misquoted as "ineffective"
- Largest study since (26 patients) from Philadelphia shows benefit in 54%

### **Modified Atkins Diet?**



 Hopkins 2008: 47% with >50% seizure reduction at 3 months

Weight loss can be a bonus

Compliance is poor long-term unless adult is seizure-free



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Dietary therapy has been used to treat children with epilepsy for almost a century. However, this valuable treatment option has not been generally available to most adults with seizures. The modified Atkins diet is a low carbohydrate, high fat alternative to the ketogenic diet for adults. created at Johns Hopkins in 2002.

Recent studies have shown that the modified Atkins diet lowers seizure rates in nearly half of adults that try it, usually within a few months. Unlike the ketogenic diet (used mostly in children), there is no hospital stay involved, no fasting to get started, no food weighing, and no counting of calories or fluids. The diet is "modified" from the traditional Atkins diet because fats are encouraged. Adults can also lose weight on the diet if desired.





Starting in August 2010, we are excited to offer the first ever clinic specially designed for adults with epilepsy using dietary treatments at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. As Johns Hopkins Hospital is one of the world leaders in dietary therapies, this is a significant advance in using diet therapy for adults. We have highly skilled dieticians and neurologists that can help customize the diet to fit your needs. Although we do not start adults on the traditional ketogenic diet, we will see adults who are already receiving the ketogenic diet but need an adult dietitian and neurologist to manage their care.

Our clinic is recommended to people:



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Learn about the history of the Johns Hopkins John M. Freeman Pediatric Epilepsy Center.

A Ketogenic Success

Allie was a 3 year old girl seen by us for consultation in 2002 regarding her intractable selzures. She was having hundreds of grand mail and head drop seizures daily and had falled five different anticonvulsants, pushed to toxic doses. She was placed on the ketogenic diet and within one week

became seizure-free. Medications were quickly weaned and In May 2004, after two years, Allie was taken off the ketogenic diet and remains seizure-free and doing wonderful in school to

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The women's hospital at the University of Würzburg used to be the biggest of its kind in Germany. Its former size is part of the historical burden it carries — countless women were involuntarily sterilized here when it stood in the geographical center of Nazi Germany.

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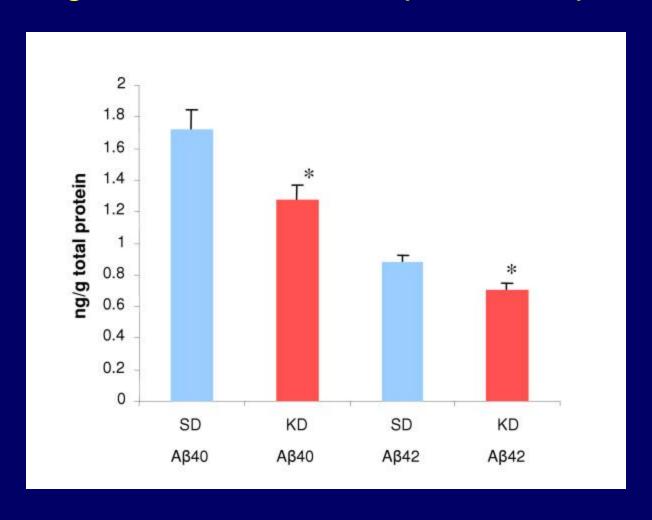
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### Neurologic Uses Other than Epilepsy

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### Ketogenic diet reduces Aβ40 and Aβ42



### 'Milkshake' could fight Alzheimer's

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WASHINGTON // Drinking a milkshake-style medicine at breakfast seems to feed brain cells starved from Alzheimer's damage, researchers reported yesterday.

The milkshake drug, called Ketasyn, is a new way to approach dementia. It hinges on recent research suggesting that diabetic-like changes in brain cells' ability to use sugar for energy play a role in at least some forms of Alzheimer's.

Special fatty acids in Ketasyn offer an alternate food source to revup those hungry neurons, researchers told an international Alzheimer's meeting here yesterday. In a study of 150 patients, adding Ketasyn to their regular medicines produced a small but important boost in mental functioning—but only in people who don't carry an Alzheimer's gene called ApoE4. Still, that's about half of all patients.

"We see this as a co-therapy," not a way to stop Alzheimer's, cautioned Dr. Lauren Constantini, a former Harvard scientist now with the company Accera Inc.

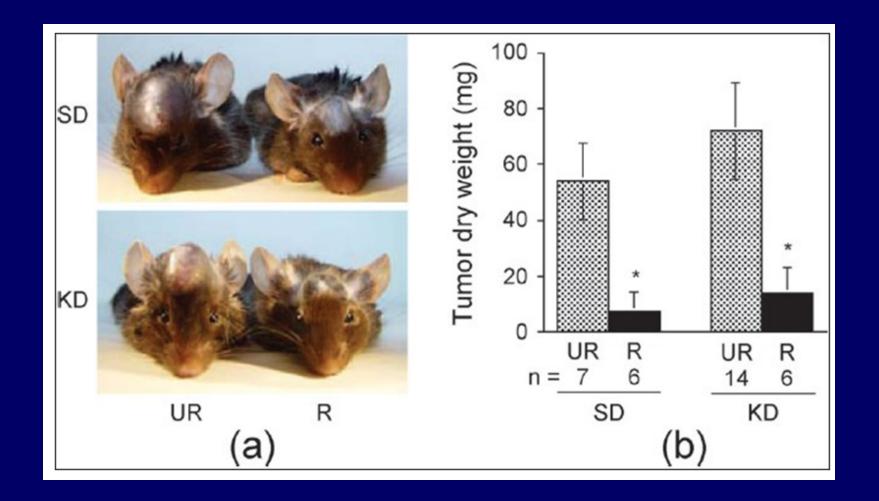
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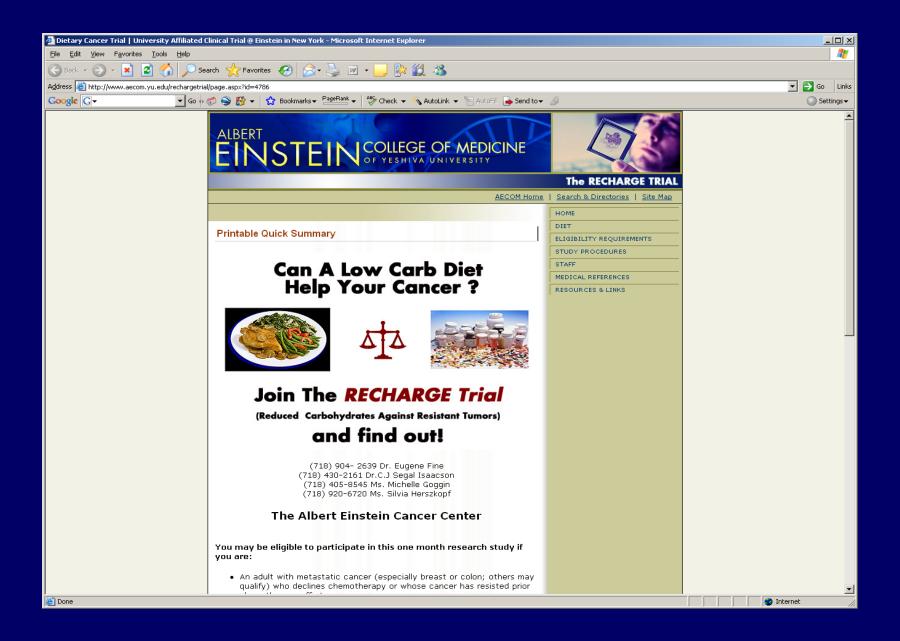
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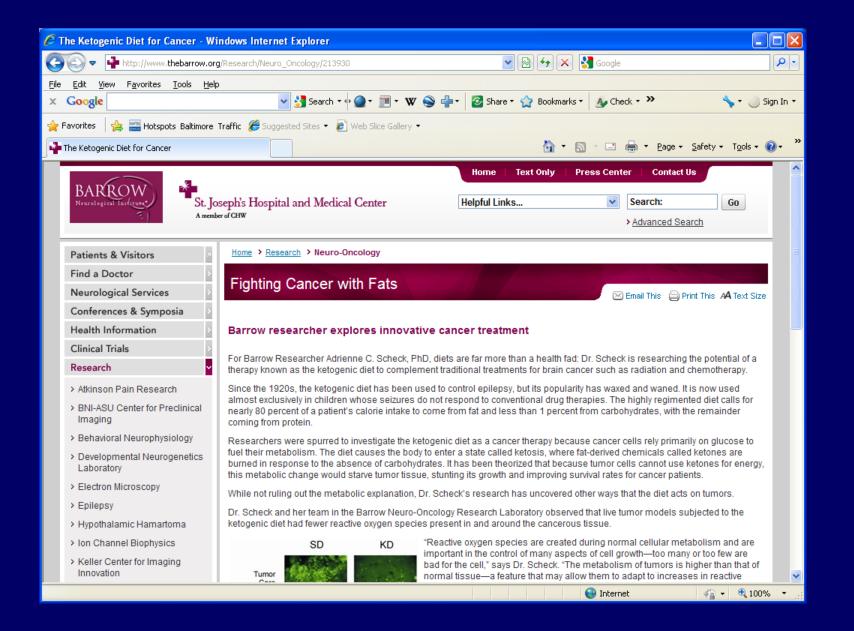


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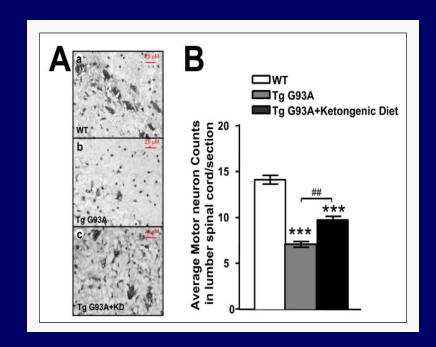






## ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

- Transgenic mouse model of ALS used at Mt. Sinai (Zhou and Lange)
- 25 days longer until 50% loss of motor function
- More motor neurons in KD fed mice (p=0.03)



### Safety and Tolerability of the KD for ALS

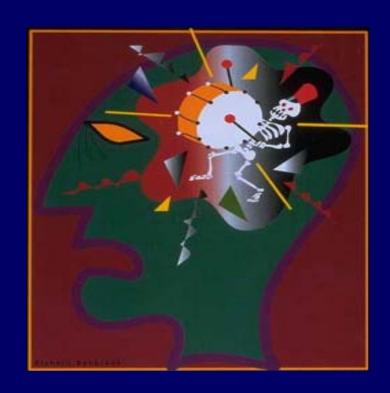
PI: Vinay Chaudhry, Dale Lange (Cornell)

- Adults with ALS
  - Gastrostomy-tube fed
- Admitted and transitioned over to ketogenic formula
- 28 week study

### Headaches

- Many preventative therapies for migraines are anticonvulsants
- Foods can trigger migraines
- Obesity is also linked to migraines

- Pilot series of 10 adolescents with chronic daily headache
  - Modified Atkins diet (15 g/day)
  - Johns Hopkins Hospital & University of Maryland



### Atkins and Headaches: Results

Only 8 patients from 2006-2009 recruited

• 3 with modest improvement in headache severity, none in frequency

Most dropped out within 2-4 weeks

### Summary

 Now is perhaps the most exciting time to date in the use of dietary therapies

- Expanding uses for children with epilepsy worldwide
  - Making the diet easier to administer
  - Not waiting until it's a last resort

New directions: adults and non-epilepsy indications

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