BECTS

Onset : 3-14 years (Peak 5-8)

Seizure type : hemiface (motor and sensory)

: secondarily during sleep

Interictal EEG: Diphasic slow spikes

• Ictal EEG :

Causes : Genetics?

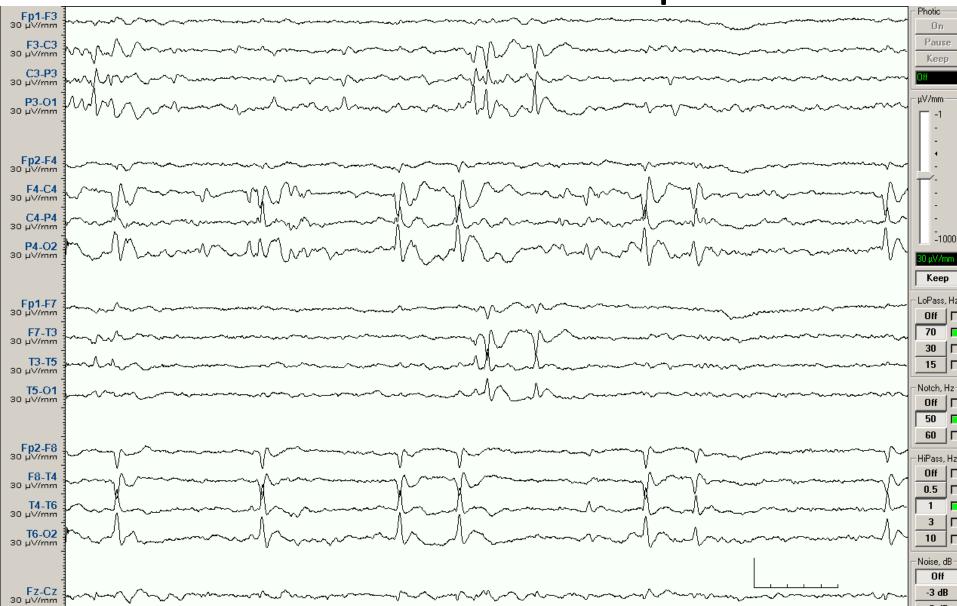
Course : Benign

Treatment : May not need if infrequent

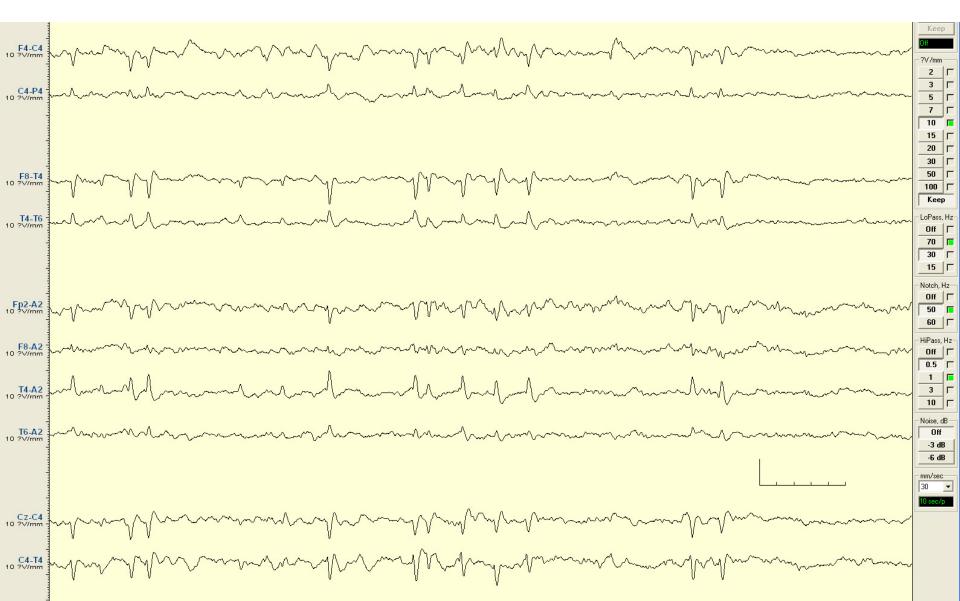
Unilateral centro-temporal



Bilateral centro-temporal



Tangential dipole on reference



Childhood absence

Onset : Peak 6-7 years

Seizure type : Absence

Interictal EEG: Normal Background,

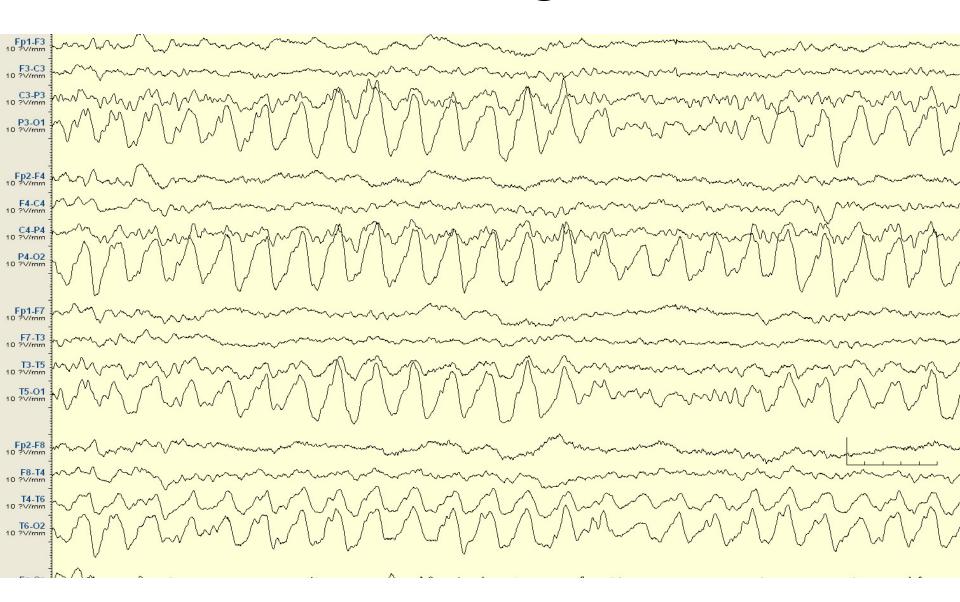
Ictal EEG : 3-Hz spike-wave complex

Causes : Genetics?

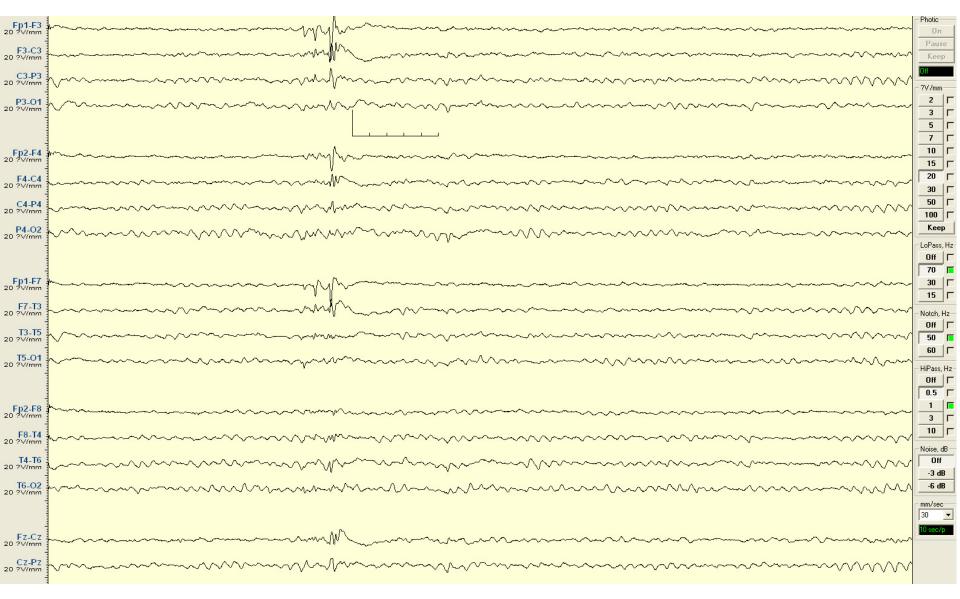
Course : Benign

Treatment : VPA, LTG, TPM, LEV

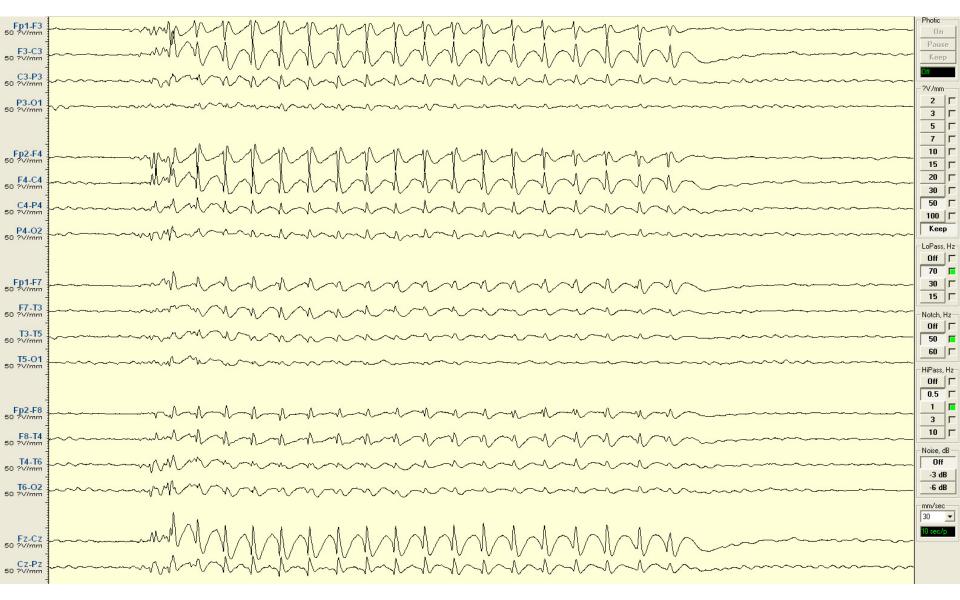
OIRDA during awake



Fragmented PSW during sleep



Typical attack



Landau-Kleffner (Acquired epileptic aphasia)

Onset : 2-8 years (Peak 5-7)

Seizure type : Auditory agnosia

: Nocturnal seizure (Gen, focal)

Interictal EEG : Awake: Normal

: Sleep: Repetitive spike-wave,

more over the temporal

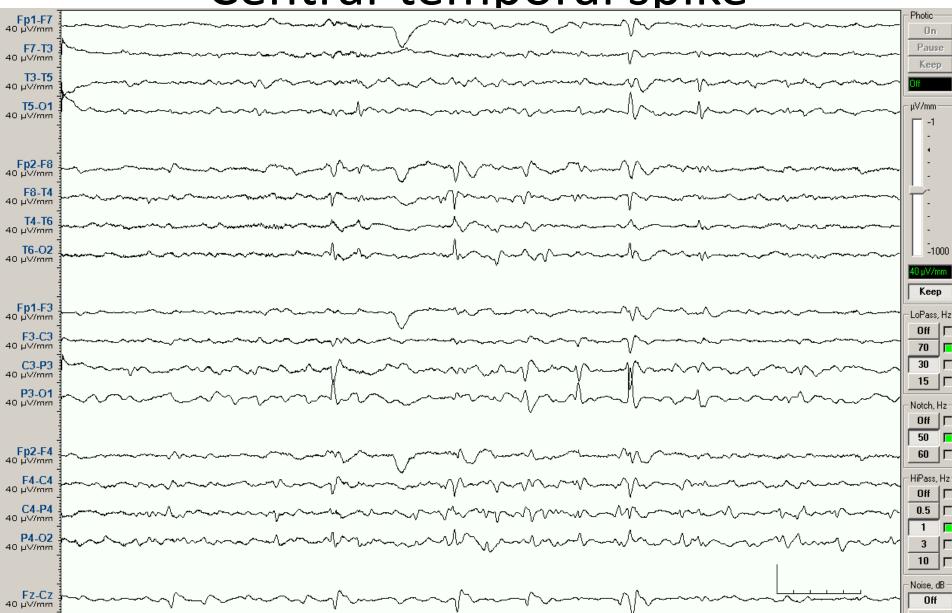
Ictal EEG :

Causes : Immune process?

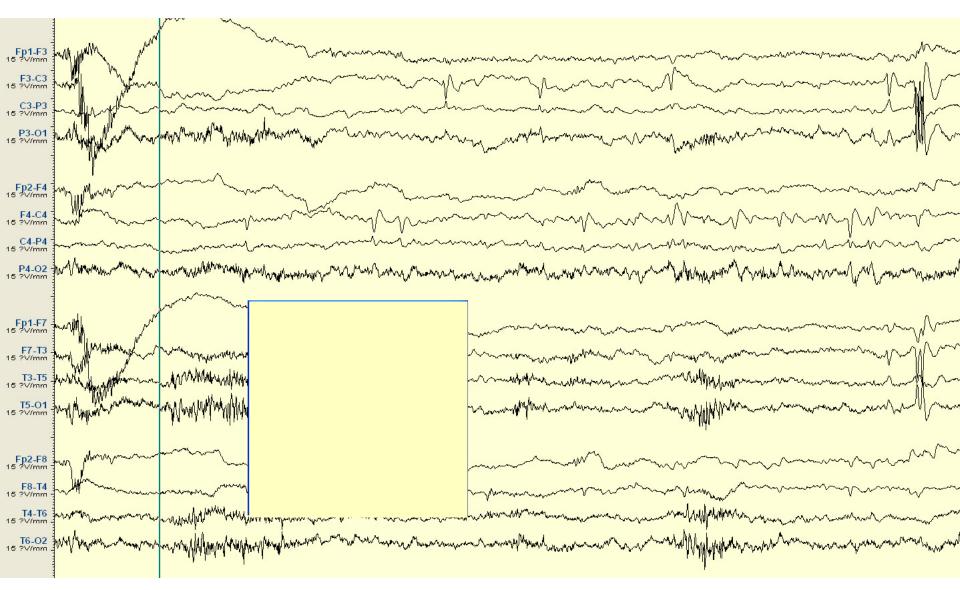
Course : Variable

Treatment : AED + corticosteroid, IVIG

Central-temporal spike



Awake EEG



Sleep EEG



ESES or CSWS

Onset : Peak 4-5 years

Seizure type : neuropsychological/motor

impairment as a major features

: Epilepsy (focal, generalized)

Interictal EEG : Awake: normal

: Sleep: continuous diffuse spike-

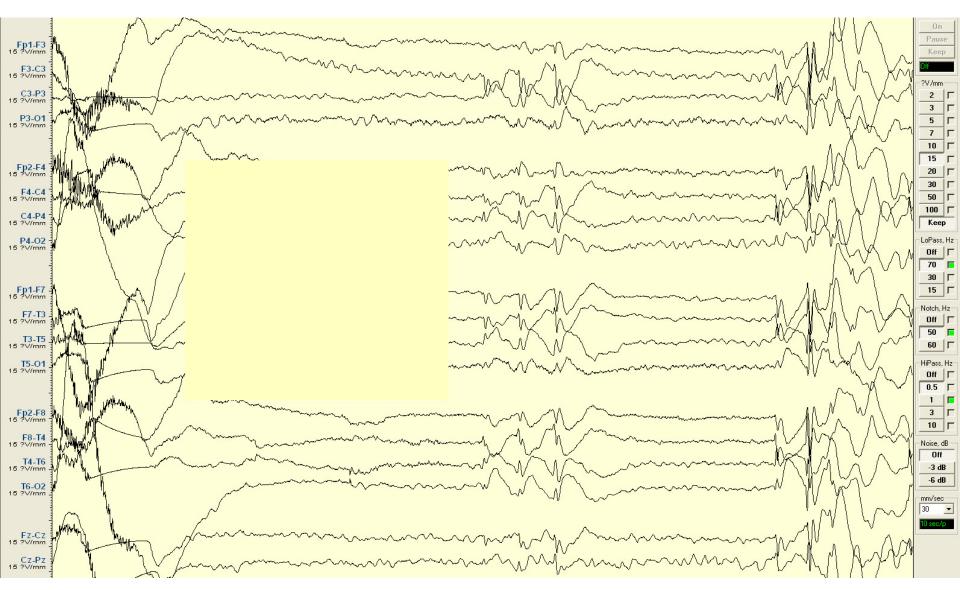
wave complex

Causes : Immune?

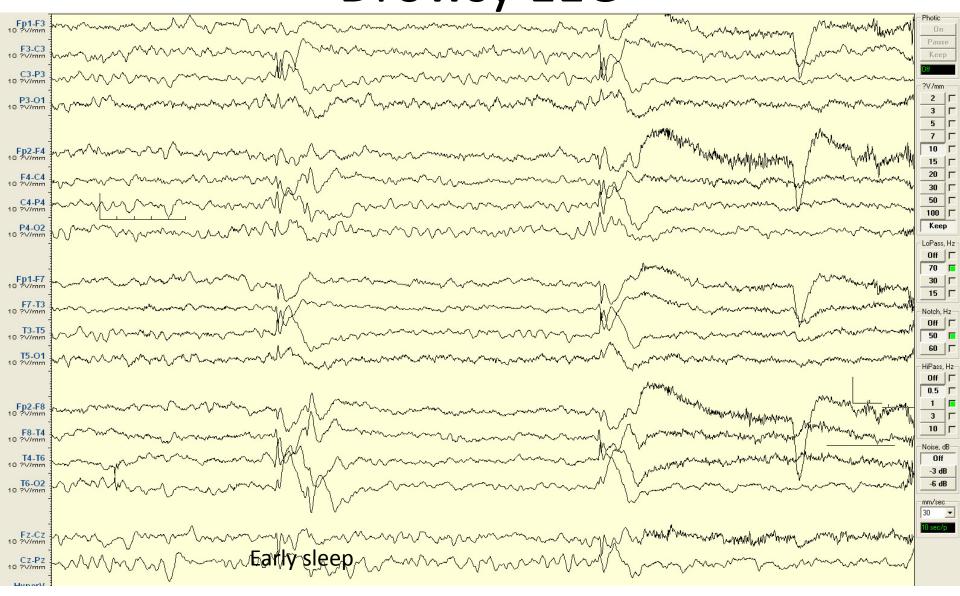
Course : Variable, generally poor

Treatment : AED + steroid/ IVIG/ Sx

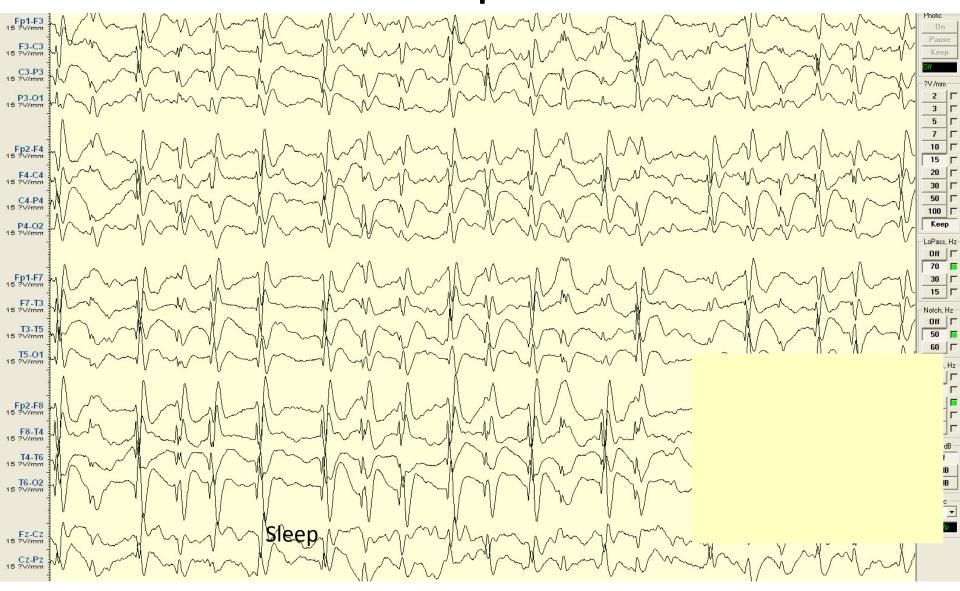
Awake EEG



Drowsy EEG



Asleep EEG



Juvenile absence epilepsy (JAE)

Onset : Peak 10-12 years

Seizure type : Absence (less frequent and severity to

childhood absence) JAE beautfifl.avi

: GTC

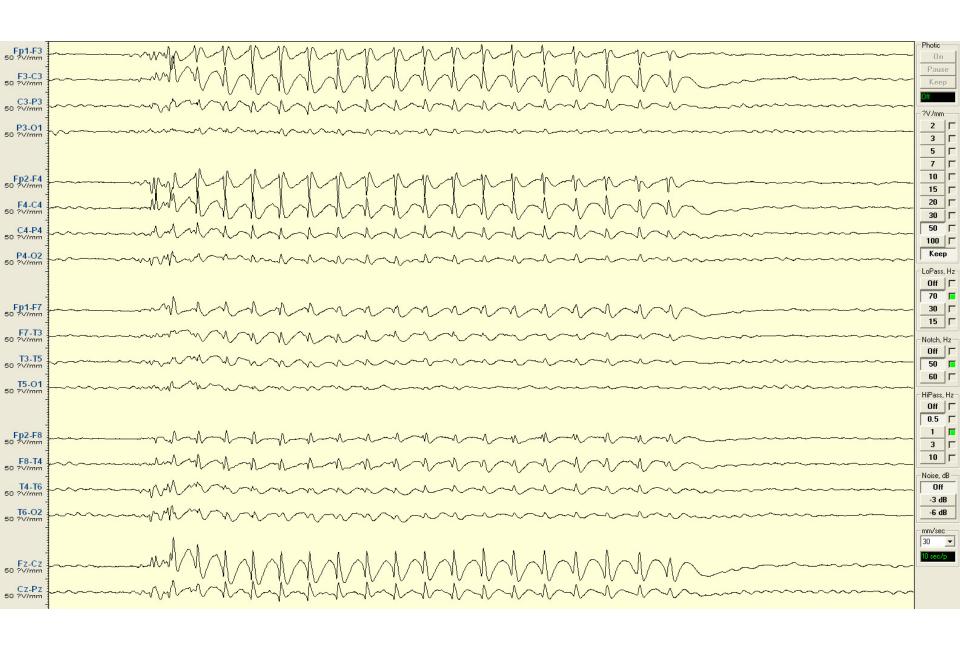
• Interictal EEG :

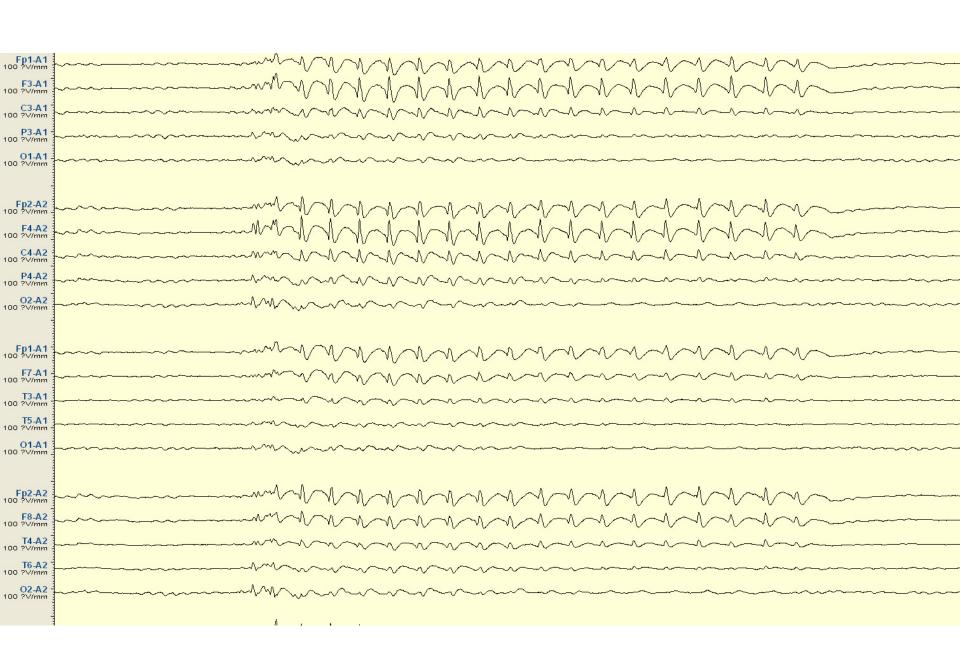
• Ictal EEG :

Causes :

Course : generally good

Treatment : VPA, LTG, LEV





Fragmented during sleep



Juvenile myoclonic epilepsy (JME)

Onset : 12-18 years

Seizure type : Myoclonic (am, upper limbs)

: GTC (80-90%)

: Absence

Interictal EEG: Polyspike-wave (4-6 Hz)

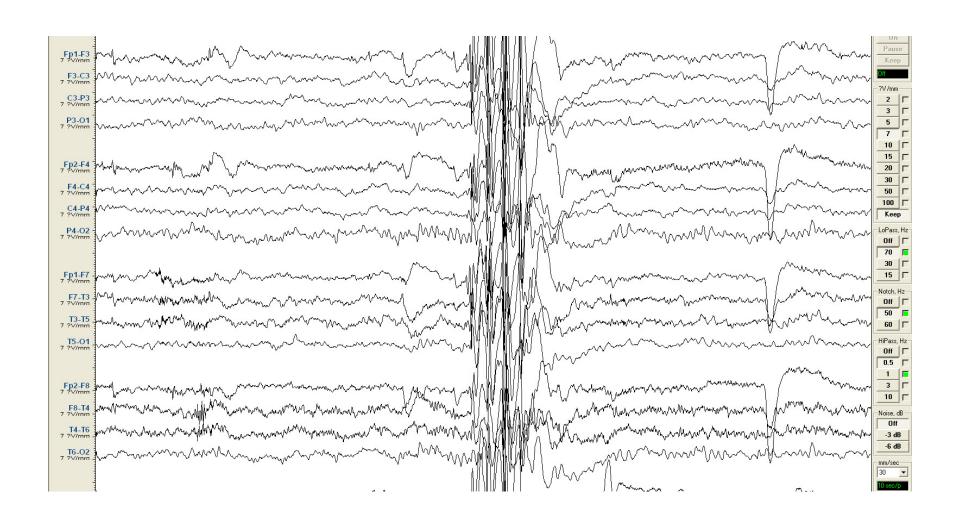
• Ictal EEG :

Causes : Genetics?

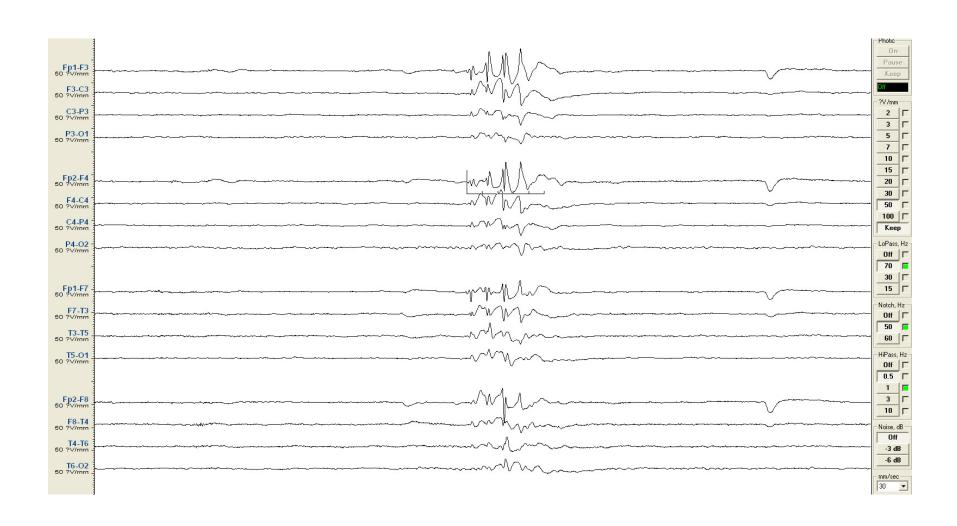
Course : Life-long treatment

Treatment : VPA, TPM, LEV, LTG

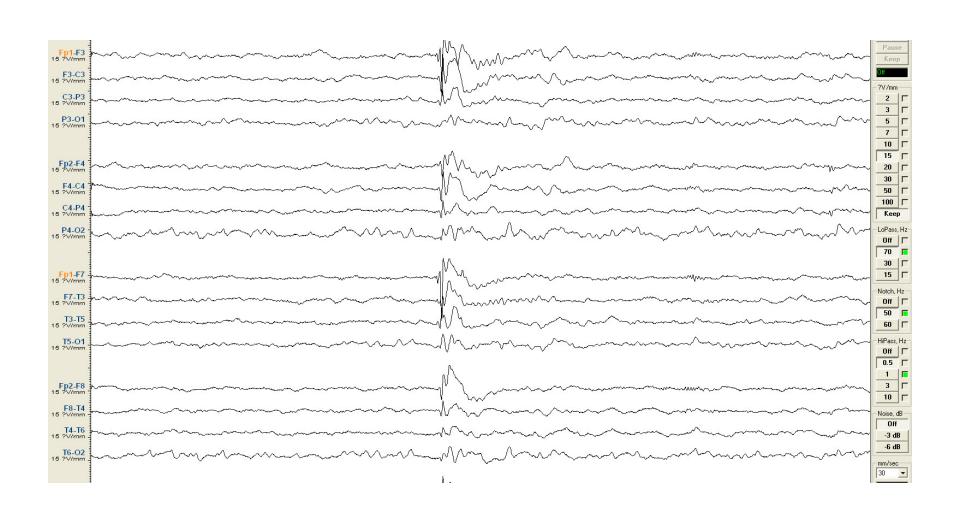
Fast spike-wave at 7 microvolt/cm



Same EEG at 50 microvolts/cm



Fragmented PSW without clinical



Practical points

- EEG during awake and asleep in each epileptic syndrome may have different characteristics
 - BCECT: may be only abnormal during sleep
 - IS: hypsarrhythmia (awake), burst-suppress (sleep)
- Both awake and asleep EEG, as well as certain activation methods should be done in individual patients with different syndrome
 - Absence: hyperventilation
 - JME: sleep deprivation and awaken during EEG

Practical point

- Physicians who order the EEG should give adequate information regarding the clinical seizures and other information in order to increase the yield of diagnosis
 - Absence : should stress on hyperventilation
 - BRE : should include sleep portion
 - BEOP: should include eye open, eye closing
 - JME: should include EEG after awakening
 - LKS, ESES : definitely should include slow wave sleep portion

Summary

- EEG is an important role in epileptic syndrome diagnosis
- However, accurate EEG interpretation must have important clues from clinical history provided by attending physicians
- EEGers need information provided by attending physicians and vice versa

Summary

 Accurate epileptic syndrome diagnosis leads to appropriate management of each patients as well as counseling.