



1950–1959



- 1950 Second series of *Epilepsia* ceases publication
- 1950 First use of corticosteroids and ACTH in epilepsy
- 1951 Phenacemide launched
- 1952 Volume 2 of the Atlas of Electroencephalography, devoted to epilepsy, is published
- 1952 Third series of *Epilepsia* inaugurated
- 1952 Hibicon launched and soon withdrawn from practice
- 1953 ILAE quadrennial meeting in Lisbon – in which there is a landmark session on temporal lobe epilepsy convened by Gastaut
- 1953 Brazil, Chile, Japan and Peru form branches of the ILAE, which now comprises 10 chapters
- 1953 Phensuximide launched into practice
- 1954 ILAE joins CIOMS (Council for International Organizations in Medical Sciences)
- 1954 Primidone introduced into clinical practice
- 1955 Cuba forms a branch of the ILAE

Drugs introduced into clinical practice between 1938 and 1958

1938 Dilantin	Phenytoin
1941 Diamox	Acetazolamide
1946 Tridione	Trimethadione
1947 Mesantoin	Mephencytoin
1949 Paraldione	Paramethadione
1950 Thiantoin	Phethenylate
1951 Phenurone	Phenacemide
1952 Gemonil	Metharbital
1952 Hibicon	Benzchlorpropamide
1953 Milontin	Phensuximide
1954 Mysoline	Primidone
1957 Peganone	Ethotoin
1957 Celontin	Methsuximide
1958 Zarontin	Ethosuximide

- 1956 Third series of *Epilepsia* ceases publication
- 1957 ILAE quadrennial meeting in Brussels – the 9th meeting of the ILAE in which the main themes are EEG and the classification of epilepsy
- 1957 Methsuximide and ethotoin launched
- 1958 Hans Heinrich Landolt defines 'forced ormalization'
- 1958 Measurement of antiepileptic drug serum levels first carried out (exact date unknown)
- 1959 Fourth series of *Epilepsia* launched published by Elsevier

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1950 Association of smoking and lung cancer described 1950 Chlorpromazine (R-3276) discovered 1951 First X-ray diffraction of DNA by Rosalind Franklin 1952 First appearance of DSM-1 1952 First contraceptive made by Searle Laboratories 1953 Publication of the double-helix structure of DNA by James Watson and Francis Crick 1953 First heart-lung bypass machine devised by John Heysham Gibbon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1953 First kidney transplant by Joseph Murray 1954 First trial of Salk vaccine for polio 1955 Frederick Sanger publishes the structure of insulin 1956 Ribosomes described by George E. Palade 1957 First 2-D ultrasound and first fiber-optic endoscope 1958 First foetal ultrasound 1959 Chromosomal basis of Down syndrome identified by Jerome Lejeune |
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