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The featured interview from the January 1 podcast highlights a study on the association between continuous EEG and favorable hospitalization outcomes for critically ill patients. In the What's Trending segment, you will hear an interview that discusses an investigation of generic "cartel" that has expanded to 300 drug types.

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### Large study finds 2 drugs that prevent seizures, migraine linked to birth defects: Increased risk of cleft lip, spina bifida, and more

Epilepsy drugs are not only prescribed to prevent seizures, they are increasingly prescribed for migraine, pain, and psychiatric disorders such as bipolar disorder. But now a large study has confirmed that women who take either valproic acid or topiramate in the early months of pregnancy may have an increased risk of giving birth to a baby with birth defects. "While these drugs can help prevent symptoms and improve a person's quality of life, studies have raised serious concerns that some of these drugs may increase the risk of birth defects," said study author Rosemary Dray-Spira, MD, PhD, of the French National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety in Saint-Denis, France. "Because these drugs are being prescribed more widely, and because unplanned pregnancies are not uncommon, we wanted to examine their safety with a much larger study."

Blotière P-O, Raguideau F, Weill A, et al. *Neurology* 2019;93:e167–e180. doi.org/10.1212/WNL.0000000000007696



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### Clinical diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease: Report of the NINCDS-ADRDA Work Group under the auspices of Department of Health and Human Services Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

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