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## [Neurology](#)

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# **Switching antiepileptic suppliers associated with increased seizure risk?**

## **Key Point**

Switching the manufacturer of antiepileptic drugs increased the risk of seizure recurrence in patients who were previously seizure-free, according to a retrospective, observational study published in the *Annals of Neurology*.

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## [Focus on Asthma Care](#)

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# **SMART therapy associated with a lower risk of asthma exacerbations**

## **Key Point**

A meta-analysis of 16 trials evaluating use of a single maintenance and reliever therapy (SMART), with the majority of studies using a combination of budesonide and formoterol in a dry-powder inhaler, found that the risk of asthma exacerbations was lower in patients using this regimen compared with an inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) as the controller therapy (with or without a long-acting beta-agonist [LABA]) plus a short-acting beta-agonist (SABA) as the relief therapy.

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