



International
Epilepsy Day

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Epilepsy is more than **seizures**.

Support our call for...

Appropriate
Social
Legislation

Access to
treatment
and care

Campaigns
to educate
and end
stigma

Increase
in research
funding



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Epilepsy is more than seizures

- Epilepsy is the most common serious disease of the brain affecting 65 million people around the world
- 2.5 million new cases are diagnosed each year
- 40% of people with epilepsy in the industrialised world do not receive appropriate treatment
- 80% of people with epilepsy in developing nations do not receive appropriate treatment
- With 30% of people with epilepsy being drug resistant research is critical to find treatments
- Epilepsy can cause death – SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy)
- The many burdens and costs of epilepsy are often unrecognized because those afflicted with the disease strive to fit in from the outside world to avoid discrimination
- Mortality rates of people with epilepsy are 2-3 times that of the general population
- For some people, the side effects of epilepsy can be more difficult to deal with than the epilepsy itself. Social problems include:
 - **Cognitive impairment due to the disease or to medication leading to difficulties at school or, in some cases, exclusion from school**
 - **Employment problems: difficulty in finding employment and, irrespective of qualifications, employment can be low grade and low paid**
 - **Unfair driving regulations and insurance issues**
 - **Low self-esteem and high incidence of depression.**

**Help us make
a difference!**



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