

EPILEPSY IS MORE THAN SEIZURES
SUPPORT OUR CALL FOR:

INCREASE IN
RESEARCH
FUNDING

CAMPAIGNS TO
EDUCATE AND
END STIGMA



APPROPRIATE
SOCIAL
LEGISLATION

ACCESS TO
TREATMENT
AND CARE

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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