

Epilepsy

a short guide

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epilepsy Facts

There are around 40 different types of seizure and a person may have more than one type

In the UK 600,000 people have epilepsy or one in every 103 people have epilepsy

Only 52 percent of people with epilepsy are seizure free

many people who develop epilepsy young will grow out of it

What is Epilepsy?

Epilepsy is a condition that affects the brain A seizure happens when there is a sudden burst of intense electrical activity in the brain. Epilepsy can start at any age and there are many different types. People with epilepsy are prone to having seizures

Some people however may have one seizure and never have another one again, epilepsy is very much an individual condition The cells in the brain, known as neurons, conduct electrical signals and communicate with each other in the brain using chemical messengers. During a seizure, there are abnormal bursts of neurons firing off electrical impulses, which can cause the brain and body to behave strangely.



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