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Epilepsy Fact Sheet



Epilepsy is a chronic noncommunicable disease of the brain that affects people of all ages.

Around 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy, making it one of the most common neurological diseases globally.

Nearly 80% of people with epilepsy live in low- and middle- income countries.

It is estimated that up to 70% of people living with epilepsy could live seizure-free if properly diagnosed and treated.

The risk of premature death in people with epilepsy is up to three times higher than for the general population.

Three quarters of people with epilepsy living in low-income countries do not get the treatment they need.

In many parts of the world, people with epilepsy and their families suffer from stigma and discrimination.