



EPILEPSY FACTS AND STATS

- AROUND **270,000** AUSTRALIANS CURRENTLY LIVE WITH EPILEPSY (**ONE PERCENT** OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION).
- **1 IN 25** AUSTRALIANS WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH EPILEPSY IN THEIR LIFETIME.
- **1 IN 200** CHILDREN LIVE WITH EPILEPSY.
- EPILEPSY IS THE **SECOND MOST COMMON NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION**, AFTER DEMENTIA, MAKING IT MORE COMMON THAN PARKINSON'S DISEASE, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE AND CEREBRAL PALSY.
- APPROXIMATELY **22 PERCENT** OF PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY ALSO HAVE AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.
- THE EXACT CAUSE OF EPILEPSY IS UNKNOWN IN APPROXIMATELY **50 PERCENT** OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH THE DISORDER.
- AROUND **70 PERCENT** OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH EPILEPSY CAN SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE SEIZURE ACTIVITY THROUGH ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUGS, WHILE THE REMAINING **30 PERCENT** DO NOT GAIN CONTROL THROUGH MEDICATION.
- IN AUSTRALIA, EPILEPSY CAUSES APPROXIMATELY **300 DEATHS** PER YEAR.

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