

## **EPILEPSY INFORMATION PAGE**

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder of the brain which at times can cause abnormally strange sensations, emotion and behaviour, or sometimes convulsions, muscle spasms and loss of consciousness.

Epilepsy can't be cured but it can be controlled.

Epilepsy is often defined by two unprovoked seizures more than 24 hours apart, however on occasions, patients can be seen after the first seizure and if an EEG is consistent with epilepsy, may be diagnosed as epileptic. It is important to note that not all seizures are due to epilepsy.

When making a diagnosis of epilepsy, it's important that decisions regarding treatment occurs after frank discussion with the patient regarding lifestyle and needs. Diagnosis is made through consultation and appropriate tests such as MRI scan and EEG.

The cause of epilepsy may be due to brain injury through trauma, inadequate oxygen, infections of the brain, tumours, strokes, and abnormal brain development and various illnesses.

There are many kinds of epilepsy which are described by their symptoms or where in the brain they originate from.

Most people diagnosed with epilepsy lead full and active lives, often controlled by medication.

## **LINKS**

<http://www.epilepsyqueensland.com.au/about-epilepsy-1>

<http://www.epilepsyaustralia.net/epilepsy-explained/>

<http://epilepsyfoundation.org.au/understanding-epilepsy/>

