

# EUROPEAN EPILEPSY DAY 2014



***Epilepsy  
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## Facts about Epilepsy

- Six million people in Europe have epilepsy; 300,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.
- In Europe alone, the costs attributable to epilepsy exceed €20 billion per year.
- Epilepsy is the most common serious disorder of the brain and affects men, women and children.
- Epilepsy in early age often results in lifetime disability.
- There is also an impressive surge in new cases of epilepsy among people in old age.
- Epilepsy not only damages health, it also imposes psychological and social burdens on individuals and families.
- It is estimated, based on the UK experience, that 40% of the 13,000 epilepsy deaths in Europe each year are preventable with proper access to correct diagnosis and treatment.
- Stigma and discrimination are common, adding to the economic and health burdens faced by people with epilepsy.
- Mortality rates of people with epilepsy are 2-3 times that of the general population.