



EPILEPSY: AN UNHEARD CRY

“Help us to make it heard”

*Support our projects
and help us to improve
the lives of all people
and children impacted
by epilepsy*



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Epilepsy

Epilepsy is among the most common neurological diseases in the world. It is characterized by sudden and repeated seizures, caused by electrical alterations in the brain and can be a consequence of brain injury or genetic mutations, but most of the cases are still of unknown origin.

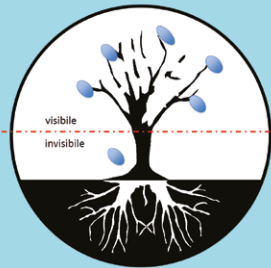
About 30 to 40 % people with epilepsy do not respond to any of the currently available therapies and are subject to recurrent and unpredictable seizures and several disabling comorbidities. Unfortunately epilepsy is often considered a psychiatric illness rather than a pathological condition.

Regrettably, the lack of treatments in many cases and the stigma associated to epilepsy place a heavy burden on the people and their families and often lead to isolation and social withdrawal.

For this to change, it is essential to raise awareness on the nature of the disease and to foster research so that none whose life is already impacted by epilepsy would continue to face the effects of its social misconception and the fear of being left out of effective treatments.

Change depends on each and every one of us. Our commitment is to make this change happen.

The «world» of epilepsy today



Who we are

FIE - Federazione Italiana Epilessie (Italian Epilepsy Federation) is a registered non-profit organization in Italy. Founded in 2006 by the Lombardy and Piedmont Epilepsy Associations, today FIE involves a membership of 16 associations based in 8 Italian regions. Since 2014, FIE is a member of the International Bureau of Epilepsy.

Our mission

By joining the hopes of all Italian citizens whose life is impacted by epilepsy, FIE aims to:

- support research aimed at finding disease-modifying therapies for epilepsy
- raise awareness about epilepsy and its associated comorbidities and fight against social misconception and stigma
- provide a common framework to the multiple and diverse activities of member associations at local level
- lobby with the government in order to promote measures that will improve the quality of life of people with epilepsy

Our ongoing activities

Currently, FIE is actively working to:

- provide financial resources for epilepsy research through a dedicated Foundation; toward this end, it has recently set up a scientific office in charge of setting priorities and defining actions
- promote scientific workshops that gather the current knowledge about epilepsy, identify opportunities for development and involve all stakeholders in the discussion about the future of epilepsy research
- liaising with sisters organizations around the world to join forces
- interacting with national and local health authorities to guarantee optimal healthcare to the people with epilepsy
- support new legislations that will secure schooling for children who need to take medications at school or in the case of prolonged seizures.

Our commitment is relentless and many activities are undergoing at FIE. Learn more about us at

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