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# Facts about Epilepsy

- ✓ Half of all people who have their first seizure will have a second.
- ✓ A person with recurring seizures is diagnosed with epilepsy.
- ✓ Up to 40% of patients with epilepsy don't receive adequate seizure control.
- ✓ Seizures can mimic other health problems.
- ✓ If the first two medications to control seizures don't work, the chance of a third medication working is less than 5%.
- ✓ Seizures that aren't controlled by medication are eligible for vagal nerve stimulators or surgery.
- ✓ 50-70% of patients that have surgery to cure seizures experience complete freedom from future seizures!
- ✓ Surgery has been used to treat seizures since the 1960s.



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