



Management of epilepsy in resource-limited settings

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- Of all people with epilepsy, around 80% live in resource-limited countries and up to 90% of these patients receive no treatment at all.
- Epilepsy often has preventable causes, such as infections and perinatal brain damage, and in resource-limited countries, epilepsy programs should be linked to national primary-healthcare programs, such as those concerned with sanitation, safe water, nutrition, and mother-and-child health for a more efficient use of the health budget.



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- National epilepsy programs to organize comprehensive care and cover educational, economic, and research aspects are necessary, and a referral network will enable local healthcare workers to consult patients with more complex diseases and may ensure routine availability of inexpensive AEDs.
- Adequately identifying people with epilepsy and delivering cost-effective care in resource-limited countries is an important challenge for epileptologists and healthcare policy makers alike.