



Am I the only one with epilepsy?

Being told you have been diagnosed with epilepsy can be difficult. You may have been experiencing symptoms and having tests for sometimes or you could have received a diagnosis relatively quickly. Everyone will experience and respond to a diagnosis differently although it is common for people to feel confused and uncertain.

It might feel like you are the only person you know who has been diagnosed with epilepsy. If your child has been diagnosed with epilepsy you may not be aware of other children with a similar diagnosis.

The following facts may help:

- Two in every hundred people will be diagnosed with epilepsy
- Epilepsy doesn't discriminate
- For 50% of people diagnosed with epilepsy the cause is unknown
- 60-70 % of people with epilepsy can expect seizure control with medication
- People living with epilepsy have achieved personal and professional success

Many great and famous people reportedly had epilepsy.

Sports People

Wally Lewis – Rugby League footballer
Tony Greig – Cricketer
Jonty Rhodes – South African cricketer
Ian Roberts – Australian Footballer

Actors and Artists

William Morris
Vincent Van Gogh
Merric Boyd – Australian artist
Margaux Hemingway

Michael Wilding – English Actor
Danny Glover – Lethal Weapon
Henry Winkler – Happy Days
Bud Abbot – Abbot and Costello
David Walters – Australian actor
Hugo Weaving – The Matrix
Neil Young – USA Musician

Rulers and Statesmen

Alexander the Great
Alfred the Great
Julius Caesar
William Pitt

Religious Leaders

Martin Luther
St Paul the Apostle
Pope Pius IX
Musicians and Composers
Handel Paganini Schuman Berlioz

Poets, Authors and Philosophers

Gustave Flaubert
Moliere
Blaise Pascal
Socrates
Lord Byron
Dante
Dr Samuel Johnson
Guy de Maupassant
Charles Dickens
Professor Manning Clarke – Australian writer and historian.

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