

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Epilepsy Defined

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	WHEN IT PERFORMS NORMALLY, THE BRAIN USES TINY ELECTRICAL SIGNALS TO CONTROL THE WAY WE MOVE AND THE WAY WE ACT. BUT FOR PATIENTS WITH EPILEPSY, IT'S LIKE THERE'S...
Fredric Meyer, M.D. Track 1 (2:05)	"AN ELECTRICAL STORM OF THE BRAIN. "
	A SEIZURE. MAYO CLINIC NEUROSURGEON, DR. FREDRIC MEYER SAYS IT TAKES AT LEAST TWO SEIZURES TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH EPILEPSY. THE THING IS, HOW A SEIZURE APPEARS DEPENDS ON THE AREA OF BRAIN

	THAT'S AFFECTED.
Dr. Meyer Track 1 (:14)	“OFTEN TIMES THEY DON'T RECOGNIZE IT. THEY DESCRIBE A LOT OF VAGUE SYMPTOMS, MAYBE NAUSEA, A DE JA VU, FUNNY TASTES IN THEIR MOUTHS, SPACED OUT OR FEELING UNUSUAL.”
	THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT, IF YOU HAVE SUSPICIONS, TO GET THEM CHECKED OUT. WHILE WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S CAUSING THE SEIZURES, DR. MEYER SAYS THE MAJORITY OF PATIENTS CAN BE TREATED WITH MEDICATIONS. SURGERY MAY BE AN OPTION FOR PATIENTS WHO CAN'T BE HELPED BY MEDICATIONS.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.
