Epilepsy:

What To Do When Medication Doesn't Work

About Epilepsy

Epilepsy is a chronic medical condition marked by recurrent unprovoked seizures, and it affects about 1 in 26 people in the U.S.

Treating Epilepsy

The goal of treatment for epilepsy is seizure freedom without side effects.

More Than

25

Different Medications
can be used to treat seizures.





Two-Thirds of Epilepsy Patients

become seizure-free with medication.



One-Third of Epilepsy Patients

do not become seizure-free despite medication.



Less Than 5%

chance of becoming seizure-free from medication after a second medication proves unsuccessful.





If you've taken

2 Unsuccessful Medications

surgery may be your best option.



Connect with a Comprehensive Epilepsy Center

A Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, such as the one at BIDMC, can offer a thorough evaluation to determine what type of intervention may work best for your case.

Customized Testing

Personalized evaluation may include tests such as EEG evaluation, high-resolution and functional MRIs, Neuropsychological, SPECT and PET, or others.

Best In Class Interventions

The team at BIDMC is highly trained in the latest innovations such as minimally invasive laser ablation, stereotactic EEG (SEEG), responsive neurostimulation (RNS), deep brain stimulation (DBS), vagus nerve stimulation (VNS), and resection.



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