



AUSTRALIAN EPILEPSY PROJECT

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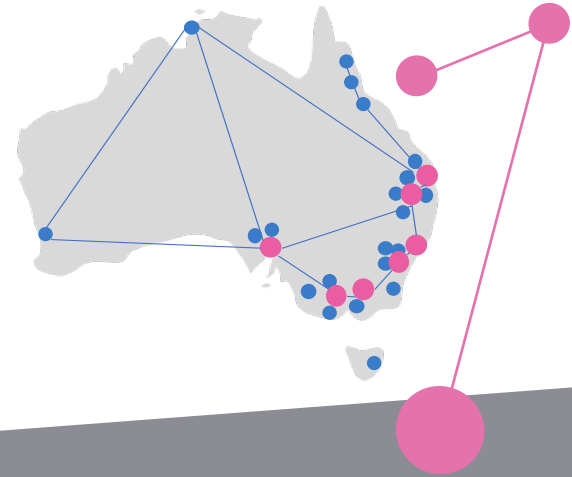
Close to 250,000 people in Australia are living with epilepsy, today. That is 1 in 100 people. The associated costs are estimated to be ~\$12.3* billion a year.

Current care is characterised by uncertainty, and Australia's world-leading expertise and solutions are locked in research and a few specialist centres.

The **Australian Epilepsy Project (AEP)** is a multi-year research study creating a paradigm shift in the treatment and management of epilepsy - where patients get access to the best minds and latest technology to fast-track their treatment pathway.

A national network of specialist hubs will give access to world leading testing, and together with integrated and predictive analysis across advanced imaging, genetics and cognition, the AEP will help transform the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy for thousands of Australians.

We are recruiting volunteers for our study's **control group**. Your participation will help drive new discoveries and future applications of data for epilepsy and other brain health conditions.



What is a study control group?

A study control group consists of a group of volunteers doing the same testing as the study's general participants. They play a fundamental role in clinical trials by providing comparative data as a baseline for determining the effectiveness of the study's treatments.

Who can be part of the study control group?

We need people who don't have epilepsy to form part of our control group. Participation involves at-home neuropsychology testing as well as an in-person MRI scan. Your participation will help change the future landscape of epilepsy diagnosis and treatment for the 250,000+ people living with epilepsy in Australia. If you are interested in volunteering for our control group, please contact us at: aep-contact@florey.edu.au



Control Group Participant Eligibility

Participation in the AEP requires meeting the following criteria:

- Aged 18yrs - 65yrs old
- Capacity to consent
- Be able to safely undergo MRI scanning
- Have no history of epilepsy
- Be willing to share your de-identified data to facilitate further research into epilepsy





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Cost Commitment for Control Group Participants:

There are no costs associated with participating in the AEP Study, nor will participants be paid. Reimbursement is available for costs incurred including: reasonable travel costs, and parking (if not provided).

Time Commitment for Control Group Participants:




Medical History
Interview
~20 mins



Online
Surveys
~30 mins



Telehealth
Cognitive Testing
~120 mins



Advanced
Imaging Scan
~90 mins

Thank you for considering being part of the AEP's **study control group**. Your participation in this critical study is helping change the lives of people living with epilepsy.



Amanda's Story

I started having seizures at the age of 23. My seizures got worse, at times occurring daily. I once received third-degree burns from a seizure while cooking. By age 30, I felt completely isolated.

I spent seven years on medication that didn't work. I'll never get that time back.

I eventually found my way to advanced MRI testing, like what is being offered as part of the AEP, where it was discovered I had scar tissue on my right temporal lobe caused by encephalitis as a baby.

I finally had a precise diagnosis, and I could act.

Twelve years after surgery I have regained my quality of life and I'm now a Lived Experience Ambassador and Participant Lead at the AEP.



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