Effect of Epilepsy on Older Adults’ Quality of Life

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One-third of people for whom epilepsy is newly diagnosed are aged 60 years or older, but little information exists about the effects of epilepsy and seizure disorders in this age group. Researchers are studying factors such as psychosocial status, mental acuity, mobility, modifications to physical surroundings, use of assistive devices, and quality of life among older adults and how these factors may differ between those who have epilepsy and those who do not, and between those who live independently and those who live in skilled nursing facilities. Results will provide insights into the needs of older adults who have epilepsy and determine whether those who live independently have different needs from those who live in nursing homes.

Research setting
No specific focus

Race or ethnicity
No specific focus

Gender
No specific focus

Age group
Older adults (50 years and older)

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