



LET'S **STOP EPILEPSY
INTERRUPTING LIVES**

A guide to leaving a **gift in your Will**

A LIFE FREE FROM EPILEPSY IS POSSIBLE BUT ONLY THROUGH RESEARCH

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Epilepsy Research UK.

Epilepsy interrupts the lives of 600,000 people in the UK, that's around 1 in 100. For a third of people affected, medication does not work and they continue to have uncontrolled seizures. For people whose treatment does work, many live with debilitating side effects of anti-epileptic drugs.

Epilepsy Research UK is the only national charity exclusively dedicated to funding research into the causes, diagnosis and treatments of epilepsy. By choosing to leave us a gift in your Will, you ensure that vital research continues so that together we can stop epilepsy interrupting lives.

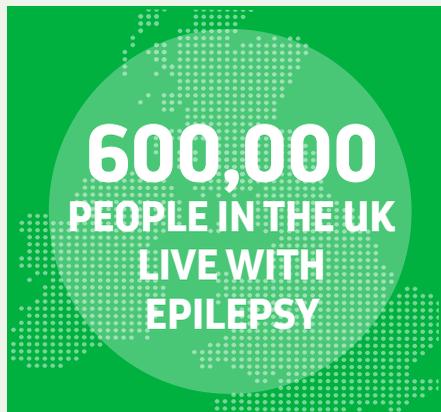
No matter how large or small, every gift left to Epilepsy Research UK helps to achieve our collective vision of **a life free from epilepsy.**

Thank you.



“
Research equals knowledge
and this is how we ensure a
better future for people like
my daughter. ”

**Gemma,
Epilepsy Research UK
supporter**



“
As scientists we know that
each increment in knowledge,
every marginal gain, when
added together can make
big differences to the lives of
people with epilepsy. ”

**Professor Sameer Zuberi,
Consultant Paediatric
Neurologist, Royal Hospital
for Children and Honorary
Professor at the University of
Glasgow**



“I have complete confidence that my gift will be used wisely, to further the groundbreaking research for which the charity is well known and to help decades of future patients become seizure-free.”

Jeanette, Epilepsy Research UK supporter

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL COULD STOP EPILEPSY INTERRUPTING LIVES

Gifts in Wills left to Epilepsy Research UK play a vital role in securing the future of research into epilepsy. They enable us to provide **help for today** through clinical research improving treatments and therapies, and **hope for tomorrow** through lab-based studies seeking to prevent epilepsy.



GIFTS IN WILLS MAKE UP 50% OF OUR ANNUAL INCOME

We are currently funding 58 research projects, meaning **29 projects** were made possible due to legacies. That's 29 cutting-edge research studies, each with the potential to stop epilepsy interrupting lives.

YOUR GIFT TO EPILEPSY RESEARCH UK IS GUARANTEED TO HAVE A GREATER IMPACT

One way to gauge the impact of research projects funded by Epilepsy Research UK is the level of subsequent funding secured from other organisations. Over the last five years, our investment in research has leveraged an additional **£21.2 million** in follow-on funding.

That means for every **£1** we have invested, a further **£5.82** has been secured for epilepsy research.



THE PROMISE OF RESEARCH

Over the past decade we have seen research deliver significant advances in the treatment and care of people with epilepsy. We know, through our funded programmes, we can halt the devastation epilepsy causes for so many people.

BREAKTHROUGHS SO FAR...



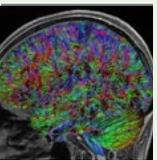
Treatments and surgical techniques for specific types of epilepsy

Developments in anti-epileptic drugs – there are now around 28 drugs commonly used. Surgical techniques have been successful in reducing seizure frequency in suitable patients.



Devices that can modulate brain activity to reduce seizure frequency

Including vagus nerve stimulation (VNS), which was identified following decades of extensive research.



Advanced neuroimaging to identify brain abnormalities

Developments in brain imaging mean that we can not only pinpoint the source of seizures, but predict seizure freedom and cognitive outcomes.



Around 1,000 protein-coding genes have been linked to epilepsy

Identifying the specific genetic causes of epilepsy can help ensure personalised treatments with fewer side effects.

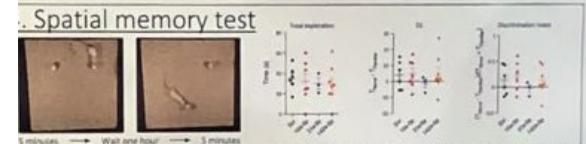
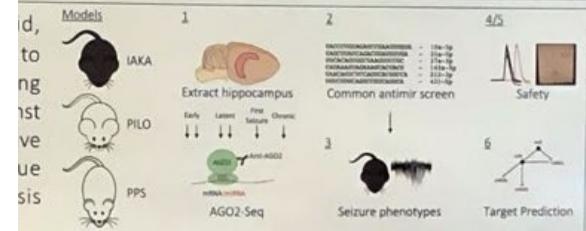
Every breakthrough demonstrates the huge potential of research to achieve our vision of a life free from epilepsy. **But there is still a long way to go, and many more breakthroughs needed.**

“It is not enough to be kind and compassionate to people with epilepsy – society should find it unacceptable that up to 30% of people with epilepsy continue to have their lives dominated by seizures.”

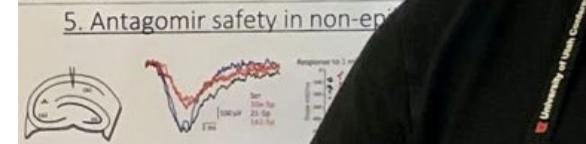
Dr Anne Coxon, Epilepsy Research UK Trustee

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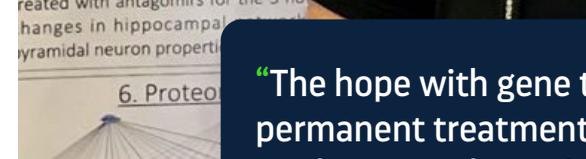
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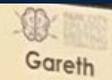
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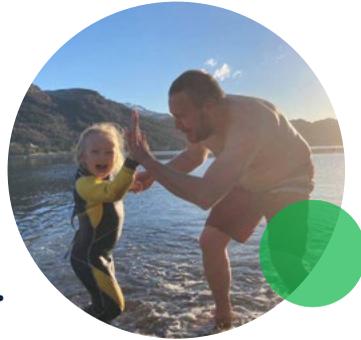
“The hope with gene therapy is that it will be a permanent treatment, meaning some people may not have to take anti-epileptic medication.”

**Dr Gareth Morris
Epilepsy Research UK Emerging Leader Fellow**



REMEMBERING EPILEPSY RESEARCH UK IN YOUR WILL

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will ever make. It will ensure that your wishes will be honoured and that your loved ones will be provided for in the way you intended.



We strongly recommend that you speak to a solicitor when writing your Will to ensure it meets all legal requirements and that your wishes are carried out exactly as they should be.

There are several ways you can choose to support:

RESIDUARY GIFT

You can leave a share of your total estate after all other payments and specified gifts have been deducted.

PECUNIARY GIFT

You may want to leave a fixed sum of money.

SPECIFIC GIFT

Or you may want to leave a specific gift, such as an item of jewellery, some shares, or a piece of artwork.

If you have already made a Will, you may not have to make a new one. Small changes can be made in a codicil and your solicitor will advise you on this.

You will need the following details to include Epilepsy Research UK in your Will:

Charity name: Epilepsy Research UK

Registered address: CAN Mezzanine, 7-14 Great Dover Street, London, SE1 4YR

Registered charity number: 1100394 (England and Wales)



Leaving a gift in your Will can be tax efficient and if 10% or more of your estate is left to charity you could reduce inheritance tax. Please seek advice from your financial advisor.

the
Goodwill
Partnership

We've teamed up with The Goodwill Partnership, who offer a home-visit, online video or phone Will writing service in England and Wales. Trained counsellors can help you write your Will at a time that's convenient for you. Your Will is then checked by one of The Goodwill Partnership's approved solicitors and returned to you.

To book an appointment, call The Goodwill Partnership on 0844 669 6148 or visit their website: <https://www.thegoodwillpartnership.co.uk/epilepsy-research-uk/>

Gordon and Gill's family have been greatly affected by epilepsy. In hope of a future where epilepsy can be safely controlled, they have remembered Epilepsy Research UK in their Will.

"We look forward to a time when epilepsy has less impact on people's lives. It means so much to us that through a gift in our Will we can contribute to a better future for people with epilepsy."



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We will respect your privacy and understand that your loved ones come first. If you decide to leave a gift in your Will to Epilepsy Research UK, we will do all we can to answer your questions honestly and quickly, but with no pressure placed on you. Your gift to Epilepsy Research UK will be used wisely and effectively, supporting research that will benefit everyone affected by epilepsy. For further information on what to consider when making a Will, please see the Law Society guide here:

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/public/for-public-visitors/common-legal-issues/making-a-will>



CONTACT US

Thank you for considering supporting Epilepsy Research UK with a gift in your Will.

Your Will and its contents are, of course, private. But if you have already remembered Epilepsy Research UK in your Will, or if you intend to, we'd love to hear from you. Not only will this help us plan for the future, but more importantly it will mean we can acknowledge your support and keep you updated on the research we are funding, if you wish. Anything you tell us will be confidential and not legally binding.

If you would like to discuss leaving a gift in your Will to Epilepsy Research UK, or if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Finnerty (Head of Donor Relations) on 020 3096 7887 or email jo.finnerty@eruk.org.uk.



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