Epilepsy Ontology

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ICARE Ontology, considerations

- ICARE has been extremely valuable tool to the American Epilepsy Society in assessing the AES-funded research and visualizing where funds is allotted to.
- Discussions for possible updates of the ontology were prompted by realizing its utility and potential to evaluate funded research and recognizing that:
 - Current ontology terms were not encompassing all research areas and epilepsy/seizure types, etiologies.
 - Interim revisions in the working classification and coding of human epilepsies and seizures.
 - Distinction of human vs nonhuman, basic vs translational research is not easily/accurately derived from the current system. Having this would be very useful (different funding, design, expectations and expertise; could allow faster tracking of experts in clinical vs preclinical translational and basic science research).
 - Use of certain terms in various platforms (ICARE, Benchmarks, researchers) occasionally is done with variable meaning and could benefit of refinement.
 - Enhancement of the capability to query the database with more specific questions would greatly enhance strategic funding decisions and collaborations, attract more organizations to participate in ICARE and possibly eventually compare funded research to publications.

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ICARE Portfolio Data Contributors









National Institutes of Health

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United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Health Resources and Services Administration









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American Epilepsy Society

Epilepsy Foundation











Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance

PCDH19 Alliance

Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation LGS Foundation





Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation ADEAF - Autosomal Dominant Epilepsy with

Auditory Features

ADNFLE - Autosomal-Dominant Nocturnal Frontal

Lobe Epilepsy
Alpers Syndrome
Angelman Syndrome

BECTS - Benign Epilepsy with Centrotemporal

Spikes

BFNE - Benign Familial Neonatal Epilepsy

CAE - Childhood Absence Epilepsy

Catamenial Seizures Childhood Epilepsy Dravet Syndrome Early Life Seizures

EME - Early Myoclonic Encephalopathy

Encephalitis Acquired Epilepsy

Epilepsy/Seizures associated with other disorders

(like Alzheimer's, Autism, Fragile X, Malaria, ...)

Epilepsy/Seizures in pregnant women

Epilepsy/Seizures in the elderly Epileptic Encephalopathies

Febrile Seizures
Focal Epilepsy

GEFS+ - Generalized Epilepsy with Febrile Seizures

plus

Genetic Epilepsy

Hemiconvulsion-Hemiplegia-Epilepsy

Hypothalamic Hamartoma with Gelastic Seizures

IS - Infantile Spasms

JAE - Juvenile Absence Epilepsy

JME - Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy

KCNQ2 Encephalopathy

Lafora Disease

LGS - Lennox -Gastaut Syndrome LKS - Landau-Kleffner syndrome

Malformations of Cortical Development

Neonatal Seizures
Neurocysticercosis
Nodding Syndrome
Non-Epileptic Seizures
Ohtahara Syndrome
PCDH19 Epilepsy

PME - Progressive Myoclonus Epilepsies

PMSE - Polyhydramnios, Megalencephaly and

Symptomatic Epilepsy Syndrome PTE - Post Traumatic Epilepsy

Rasmussen Syndrome

Reflex Epilepsies Seizures

Status Epilepticus

Sturge-Weber Syndrome

Succinic Semialdehyde Dehydrogenase Deficiency

SUDEP

TLE - Temporal Lobe Epilepsy
TSC - Tuberous Sclerosis Complex

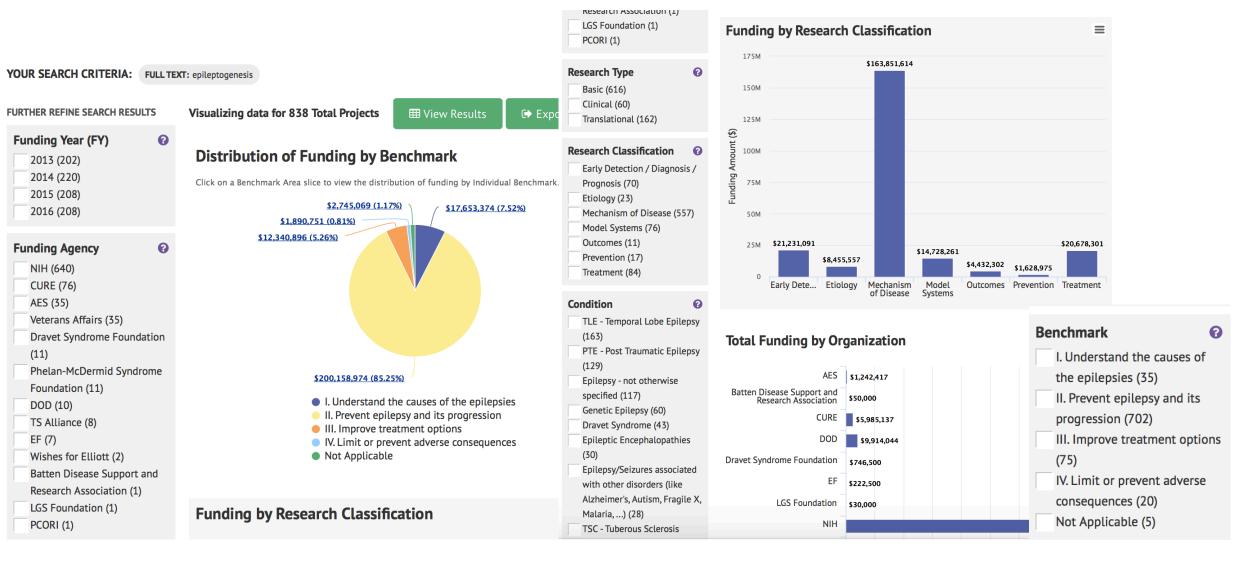
West Syndrome

Epilepsy - not otherwise specified

ICARE Search

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Full Text Search	
epileptogenesis	
For the Occupation	
Funding Organization Project Number	
Funding Year(FY)	Funding Agency/Organization
Choose some options	Choose some options
Researcher and Awardee Organization	
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI Organization
Research Categories	
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Research Classification	
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Epilepsy or Seizure condition	
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ICARE search terms and classifications



Research Type	
Basic	Basic research is the systematic study of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts without specific development of processes, products or clinical applications. Projects typically include studies of the mechanisms of normal or disease related processes at the molecular, cellular, systems or organ level.
Translational	Translational research is the process of developing ideas, insights, and discoveries generated through basic scientific inquiry for the treatment or prevention of human disease.
Clinical	Patient-oriented research. Research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects. Excluded from this definition are in vitro studies that utilize human tissues that cannot be linked to a living individual. Patient-oriented research typically includes therapeutic interventions and applications of new technologies, clinical trials, epidemiologic and behavioral studies, outcomes research and health services research.

1. Separating research in humans vs in animals / models <u>Issues:</u>

- Basic and translational research may utilize animal/model systems or human subjects which may confound the reporting of funded research in each of these categories.
- Research using human tissue is not always clinical.
- Using only keywords for search for human vs animal/model research may not sufficiently differentiate the two different types of research (keyword hits are not always specific for keywords).

Suggestions:

Separating the two types of research may help visualize and compare more directly:

- the value, productivity, and results of animal/model vs human epilepsy research
- Expertise in animal vs human research
- → Suggest to create Refine Search Criteria for:

Organism/Model:

- Nonhuman organism
- Human
- Other model system

Research Type

2. Improving distinction of basic and translational research

Issues:

Expectations from basic vs translational (preclinical) research may be different in terms of grant review, study design and performance.

Distinction is not always clear producing overlap of hits when using the current system.

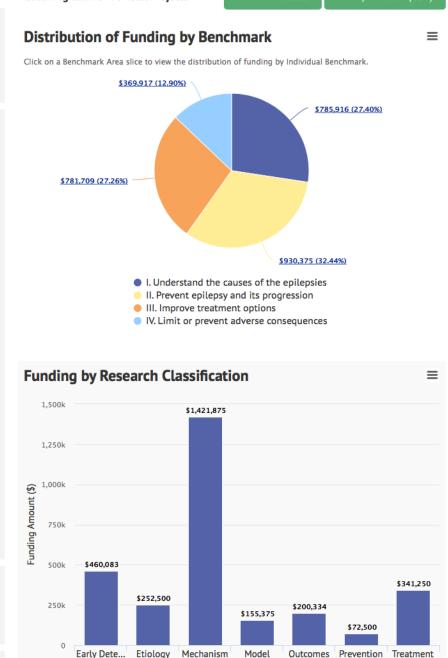
Suggestions:

→ May consider more specific definitions of how to differentiate and log basic vs translational research.

Research classification

Classification	Definitions
Etiology	Research included in this category aims to identify the <u>causes</u> or origins of epilepsy - genetic, infectious, metabolic, environmental, or other factors, and the interactions between these factors
Mechanism of Disease	Research included in this category looks at the biology of how epilepsy/seizures starts and progresses as well as normal biology relevant to these processes
Prevention	Research included in this category looks at <u>identifying interventions which reduce the risk of developing epilepsy</u> by reducing exposure to risk factors and/or increasing protective factors. Interventions aimed at prevention of <u>complications of epilepsy or its co-occurring conditions</u> may also be included. Interventions may target lifestyle or may involve drugs or vaccines
Early Detection/ Diagnosis/Prognosis	Research included in this category focuses on <u>identifying and testing biomarkers, technology methods or</u> <u>predictive models</u> that are helpful in detecting and/or diagnosing as well as predicting the outcome or chance of recurrence
Treatment	Research included in this category focuses on <u>identifying and testing treatments</u> , such as novel therapeutics, devices or other interventions.
Outcomes	Research included in this category includes a broad range of areas: surveillance and epidemiology; ethics, education and communication approaches for health care professionals, patients and families, and community members; patient care and health care services research; effectiveness research and phase 4 trials
Model Systems	Research included in this category looks at the development of new animal models, cell cultures and computer simulations and their application to other studies across the spectrum of epilepsy research

FURTHER REFINE SEARCH RESULTS	Visualizing data for 98 Total Projects
Funding Year (FY) 2013 (19) 2014 (23) 2015 (26) 2016 (30)	Distribution of Funding by Click on a Benchmark Area slice to view the \$3369,917 (12.90%)
Funding Agency AES NIH (1620) CURE (191) EF (83) Veterans Affairs (59) CDC (41) Dravet Syndrome Foundation (36) HRSA (32) TS Alliance (25) DOD (18) Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation (16) Phelan-McDermid Syndrome	\$781,709 (27.26%) I. Understa II. Prevent III. Improv IV. Limit o
Foundation (12) PCORI (8) LGS Foundation (6) Wishes for Elliott (4) Batten Disease Support and Research Association (2) Dup15q Alliance (2) Epilepsy Study Consortium (2) IFCR (2) PCDH19 Alliance (2)	Funding by Research Class 1,500k 1,250k 1,000k 750k 750k
Research Type Basic (34) Clinical (27) Translational (37)	250k \$460,083 250k \$252,500
Research Classification ②	Early Dete Etiology M



Ⅲ View Results

♠ Export Data (CSV)

Research Classification

Same terms across ICARE, Epilepsy benchmarks epilepsy researchers are not used with the same meaning

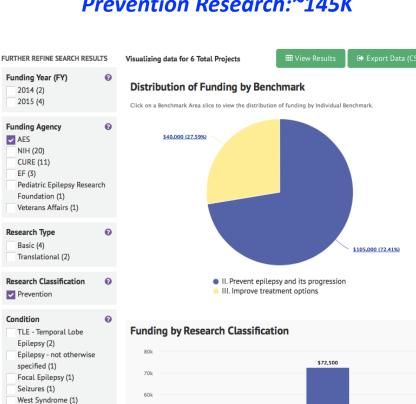
Examples:

Prevention of epilepsy / co—occurring conditions and consequences:

- ICARE: intervention-oriented research.
- Benchmarks
 - II: includes mechanisms, biomarkers, interventions
 - I, III and IV: may also address prevention

Prevention research, **AES-funded** 2013 (9) 2014 (7) 2015 (5)

Prevention Research:~145K



\$52,500

Mechanism of

\$10,000

Model Systems

Prevention

40k

30k

10k

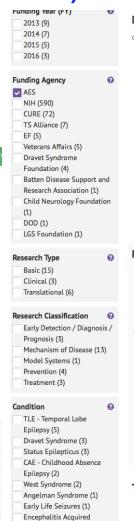
Benchmark

II. Prevent epilepsy and its

III. Improve treatment

progression (4)

options (2)



Epilepsy (1)

specified (1)

elderly (1) Show more

Benchmark

\$10,000

Epilepsy - not otherwise

Epilepsy/Seizures in the

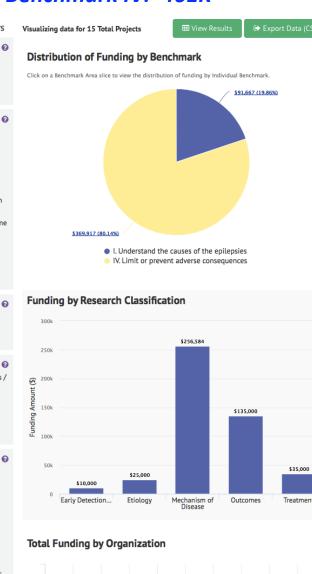
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Benchmark II: ~837.5K Distribution of Funding by Benchmark URTHER REFINE SEARCH RESULTS Click on a Benchmark Area slice to view the distribution of funding by Individual Benchmark Funding Year (FY) 2013 (3) \$35,000 (4.18%) 2014 (3) 2015 (4) 2016 (5) **Funding Agency** AES NIH (197) **CURE (28)** CDC (24) EF (21) Veterans Affairs (12) Pediatric Epilepsy Research \$802,500 (95,82%) Foundation (8) I. Understand the causes of the epilepsies Phelan-McDermid Syndrome II. Prevent epilepsy and its progression Foundation (8) DOD (3) Dravet Syndrome **Funding by Research Classification** Foundation (3) Wishes for Elliott (1) \$516,667 Research Type Basic (2) Clinical (9) Translational (4) Research Classification Early Detection / Diagnosis / Prognosis (1) Etiology (1) \$143,333 Mechanism of Disease (8) Outcomes (4) \$52,500 \$37,500 Treatment (1) Early Detection... Mechanism of Model Systems Prevention Epilepsy - not otherwise specified (4) TLE - Temporal Lobe **Total Funding by Organization** Epilepsy (4) Epilepsy/Seizures in pregnant women (2) SUDEP (2) Epilepsy/Seizures in the elderly (1) **Epileptic Encephalopathies** Status Epilepticus (1) AES Benchmark

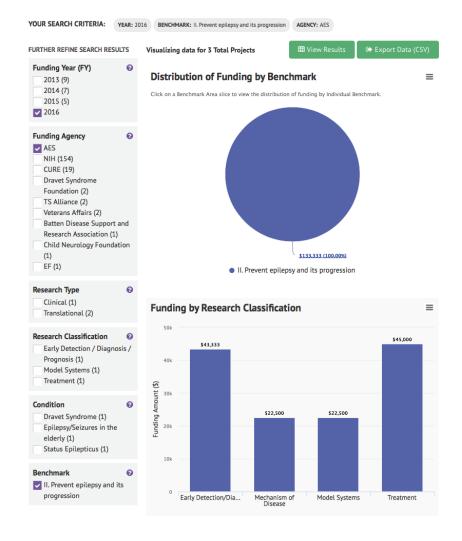
IV. Limit or prevent adverse

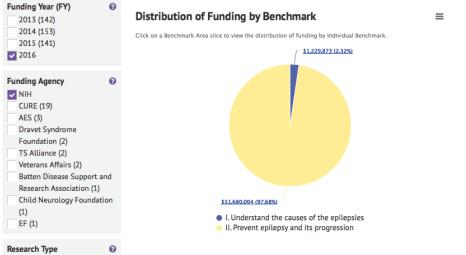
consequences

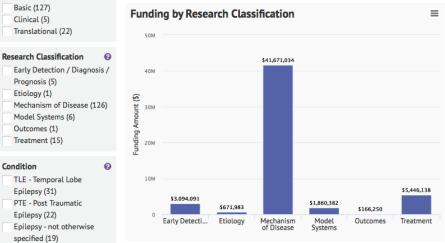
Benchmark IV:~461K



Benchmark II funded research: Prevent epilepsy and its progression (2016) → no hits for prevention







Genetic Epilepsy (10)

with other disorders (like

TSC - Tuberous Sclerosis

Malformations of Cortical Development (5)

▼ II. Prevent epilepsy and its progression

Dravet Syndrome (5)

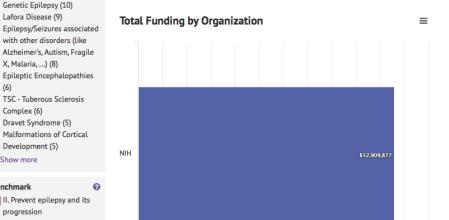
Lafora Disease (9)

X, Malaria, ...) (8) **Epileptic Encephalopathies**

Complex (6)

Show more

Benchmark



Research Classification

Same terms across ICARE, Epilepsy benchmarks and in epilepsy research are not always used with the same meaning

Example: prevention of epilepsy / co—occurring conditions and consequences:

- ICARE: intervention-oriented research
- Epilepsy Benchmarks
 - II: includes mechanisms, biomarkers, interventions
 - III and IV: may also address prevention
- Search hits may not always capture the research classification done, as coded

Suggestions:

- → Recoding may probably not be the best solution, since each coding method has its advantages and different information
- →Perhaps:
 - → More specific terms coding research classification to track key areas of prevention research (e.g, anti-epileptogenesis, disease modification, etc) ?
 - → Refining search tools by allowing to select or exclude classifications or search keywords (AND, OR, NOT)?

Epilepsy syndromes, seizures, special populations, consequences

SYNDROMES

Dravet Syndrome

EME - Early Myoclonic Encephalopathy

Epileptic Encephalopathies

Hemiconvulsion—Hemiplegia—Epilepsy

IS - Infantile Spasms

West syndrome

LGS - Lennox -Gastaut Syndrome

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PTE - Post Traumatic Epilepsy

Rasmussen Syndrome

Nodding Syndrome

SEIZURES

Epilepsy/Seizures associated with other disorders (like

Alzheimer's, Autism, Fragile X, Malaria, ...)

Febrile Seizures

Non-Epileptic Seizures

Seizures

Status Epilepticus

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Early Life Seizures

Neonatal Seizures

Childhood Epilepsy

Epilepsy/Seizures in pregnant women

Catamenial Seizures

Epilepsy/Seizures in the elderly

CONSEQUENCES

SUDEP

Condition: Current epilepsy ontology

GENETIC or GENETIC-STRUCTURAL

Genetic Epilepsy

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Seizures plus

Alpers syndrome

ACQUIRED

Encephalitis Acquired Epilepsy Hypothalamic Hamartoma with Gelastic Seizures

FOCAL VS GENERALIZED

Focal Epilepsy
TLE - Temporal Lobe Epilepsy

OTHER EPILEPSIES

Epilepsy - not otherwise specified Epilepsy/Seizures associated with other disorders (like Alzheimer's, Autism, Fragile X, Malaria, ...)

ETIOLOGY

Malformations of Cortical
Development
Neurocysticercosis
Succinic Semialdehyde
Dehydrogenase Deficiency

Not complete list of epilepsies or etiologies

- Only TLE among focal epilepsies
- Focal but no generalized epilepsy coding

Some epilepsies are represented by specific etiologies only, eg

ADNFLE (no FLE)

 Address are not system

Etiologies are not systematically captured or listed in the same manner, eg

- metabolic etiologies
- neurocysticercosis vs epilepsy/seizures associated with other disorders

Some names have been revised or may have additional variations of names, eg

- benign vs self-limited
- GEFS+: Genetic....

No coding for comorbidities, cooccurring conditions

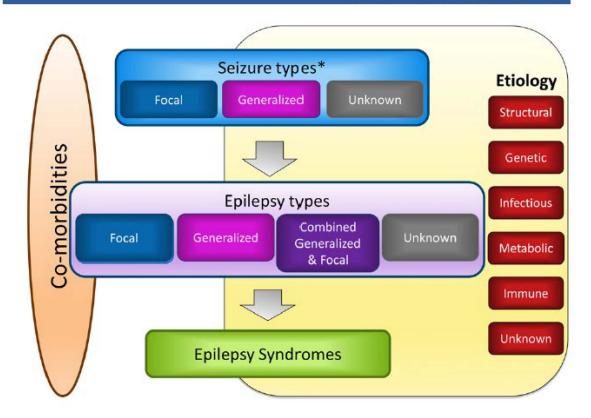
LAE POSITION PAPER

ILAE classification of the epilepsies: Position paper of the **ILAE Commission for Classification and Terminology**

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Classification of the Epilepsies



ILAE POSITION PAPER

Operational classification of seizure types by the International League Against Epilepsy: Position Paper of the ILAE Commission for Classification and Terminology

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Operational Classification of Seizure Types

ILAE 2017 Classification of Seizure Types Expanded Version ¹

Focal Onset

Impaired

Aware

tonic

Awareness

Motor Onset

automatisms atonic 2 clonic epileptic spasms 2 hyperkinetic myoclonic

Nonmotor Onset

autonomic sensory

behavior arrest cognitive emotional

Generalized Onset

Motor

tonic-clonic clonic tonic mvoclonic myoclonic-tonic-clonic myoclonic-atonic atonic epileptic spasms Nonmotor (absence) typical atypical

myoclonic eyelid myoclonia

Unknown Onset

Motor

tonic-clonic epileptic spasms Nonmotor behavior arrest

Unclassified 3

focal to bilateral tonic-clonic

EpilepsyDiagnosis.org



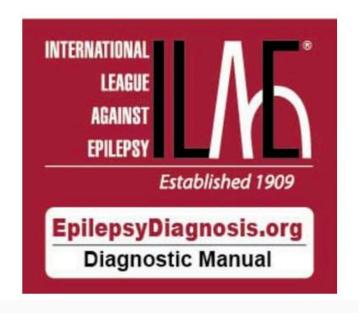
EpilepsyDiagnosis.org

Explore EpilepsyDiagnosis.org

The ILAE Commission on Classification and Terminology is pleased to announce the release of **EpilepsyDiagnosis.org** a cutting-edge online diagnostic manual of the epilepsies.

Manual Goal:

The goal of EpilepsyDiagnosis.org is to make available, in an easy to understand form, the latest concepts relating to seizures and the epilepsies. The principal goal is to assist clinicians who look after people with epilepsy anywhere in the world to diagnose seizure type(s), classify epilepsy, diagnose epilepsy



(from https://www.ilae.org/education/diagnostic-manual/epilepsydiagnosis-org)

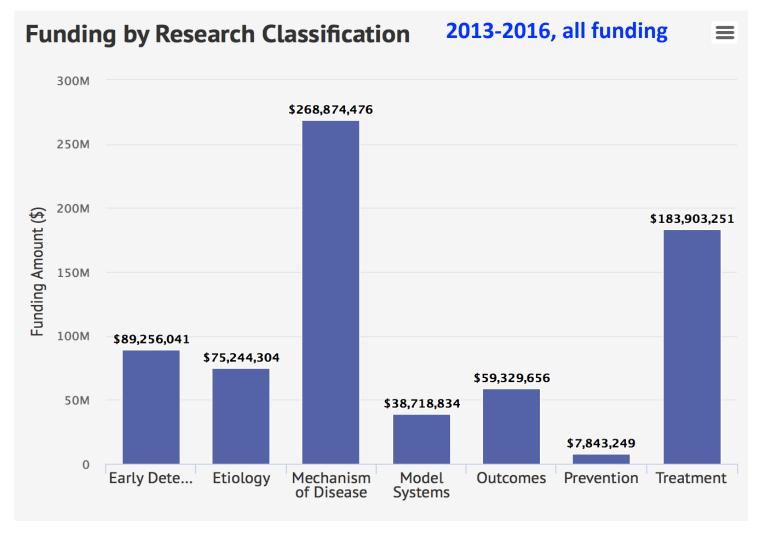
Etiology

Most of the funded research addresses mechanisms / etiologies and yet the codes for such research are minimal and not systematically captured.

→ Suggest adding a crude subclassification for :

"Etiology":

- •Genetic
- •Infection
- •Immune
- Structural
- Metabolic
- Other



Although these can be searched with keywords, adding this research classification may allow for (a) more specific search,

(b) capturing epilepsies in these broader categories, when it may become too complex to add codes for all the specific causes

Genetic
Infection
Immune
Structural
Metabolic
Associated with other
disorders
Other

Condition: proposal for update

Etiology

- Epilepsy
- Seizure
- Epilepsy syndrome

Co-occurring condition

Onset

Focal

Generalized

Combined

Unknown

Localization

Frontal

Parietal

Occipital

Temporal

Multifocal

Generalized

Populations

Neonatal/Infantile

Childhood

Adolescent/Adult

Special populations

Other

Cognitive
Behavioral
Affective
Endocrine
Other



Fetal/neonatal development

Quality of life Other Consequences

Epilepsy imitators

Syncope and anoxic seizures

Behavioral / Psychological and Psychiatric disorders

Sleep related conditions

Paroxysmal movement disorders

Migraine associated disorders

Miscellaneous events

Epilepsies / Seizures / Syndromes by Population

NEONATAL/INFANTILE

Self-limited neonatal seizures
Self-limited familial neonatal epilepsy
Self-limited familial and non-familial infantile
epilepsy

EME – Early myoclonic epilepsy

Ohtahara syndrome

West syndrome

Dravet syndrome

Myoclonic epilepsy in infancy

Epilepsy in infancy with migrating focal seizures

Myoclonic encephalopathy in non progressive

disorders

Febrile seizures plus, genetic epilepsy with febrile seizures plus
Febrile seizures

CHILDHOOD

Epilepsy with myoclonic-atonic seizures

Epilepsy with eyelid myoclonias

Lennox-Gastaut syndrome

CAE - Childhood absence epilepsy

Epilepsy with myoclonic absences

Panayiotopoulos syndrome

Childhood occipital epilepsy (Gastaut syndrome)

Photosensitive occipital lobe epilepsy

BECTS - Childhood epilepsy with centrotemporal spikes

Atypical childhood epilepsy with centrotemporal spikes

Epileptic encephalopathy with continuous spike-and-

wave during sleep

LKS – Landau Kleffner syndrome

Autosomal dominant nocturnal frontal lobe epilepsy

In blue: updates / revisions from existing ontology

Epilepsies / Seizures / Syndromes by Population

ADOLESCENT / ADULT

JAE – Juvenile absence epilepsy

JME – Juvenile myoclonic epilepsy

FAME – Familial adult onset myoclonic epilepsy

Epilepsy with generalized tonic-clonic seizures alone

Autosomal dominant epilepsy with auditory features

Other familial temporal lobe epilepsies

OTHER

Familial focal epilepsy with variable foci Reflex epilepsies PME - Progressive myoclonus epilepsies Epilepsy not otherwise specified Seizures Status epilepticus Nonepileptic events / seizures

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Early Life
Neonatal / Infantile
Childhood
Pregnant women
Catamenial
Elderly

In blue: updates / revisions from existing ontology

Genetic epilepsies

EPILEPSIES BY ETIOLOGY

Genetic - Chromosomal

15q13.3 MICRODELETION SYNDROME

18q-SYNDROME

INV-DUP (15) OR IDIC (15)

DEL 1p36

ANGELMAN SYNDROME

DOWN SYNDROME (TRISOMY 21)

KLEINFELTERS SYNDROME (XXY)

MILLER DIEKER SYNDROME (DEL 17p)

PALLISTER KILLIAN SYNDROME (TETRASOMY 12p)

RING 14 (r14) SYNDROME

RING 20 (r20) SYNDROME

TRISOMY 12p

WOLF-HIRSCHHORN SYNDROME (DEL 4p)

Genetic - Gene abnormalities

FKTN AKT3 **FLNA** ARFGEF2 FMR1 (FRAGILE X **ARHGEF9** SYNDROME) ARX FOXG1 CACNA1A **GABRA1** CACNB4 **GABRD** CDKL5 GABRG2 CHD2 GLI3 CHRNA2 **GNAQ** CHRNA4 **GRIN2A** CHRNB2 KCNQ2 CLCN2 KCNQ3 COL4A1 KCNT1 DCX **LARGE** DEPDC5 LGI1 EFHC1 LIS1 MECP2

NPRL3 HOPKIN PCDH19 SYNDROME) PIK3CA TSC₁ PIK3R2 TSC2 PLCB1 TUBA1A **PNKP** WDR62 POMT1 ZEB2 POMT2 (MOWAT PRRT2 RELN **WILSON** SCN1A SYNDROME) SCN1B SCN2A SLC2A1

SLC25A22

SPTAN1

STXBP1

TBC1D24

TCF4 (PITT

(from https://www.ilae.org/education/diagnostic-manual/epilepsydiagnosis-org)

By Etiology

Structural -

Malformation of cortical development

Vascular malformations

Hippocampal sclerosis

Hypoxic-ischemic

Traumatic brain injury

Tumors

Porencephalic cyst

Metabolic -

Biotinidase and holocarboxylase synthase deficiency

Cerebral folate deficiency

Creatine disorders

Folinic acid responsive seizures

Glucose transporter 1 (GLUT1) deficiency

Mitochondrial disorders

Peroxisomal disorders

Pyridoxine dependent epilepsy / PNPO deficiency

Immune -

Rasmussen's

Antibody mediated

Anti-NMDA receptor

Voltage gated potassium channel

GAD65 antibody

GABAB receptor antibody

Steroid responsive encephalopathy with thyroid disease

Celiac disease, epilepsy and cerebral calcification syndrome

Other

Infectious -

Bacterial meningitis or meningoencephalitis

Malaria

Cerebral Toxoplasmosis

CMV

HIV

Neurocysticercosis

Tuberculosis

Viral encephalitis

Other (Lyme disease, toxocariosis, schistosomiasis)

Associated with other diseases

(Alzheimer's, Autism, Fragile X, Rett syndrome, Malaria, etc)

Unknown

Febrile infection related epilepsy

Considerations

- The coding is oriented towards human classifications of epilepsies / seizures.
- Working classification for animal models of seizures and epilepsies is in progress (ILAE/AES Joint Translational Task Force) and could be considered in the future.
- New revised terms could be added as alternatives / equivalent to existing ones so as not to revise coding from past years.
- It would be useful, if easily feasible, to allow:
 - multiple choices of ontology terms from same categories or keywords
 - enhanced search tools allowing direct comparisons, head to head, of data from various search keywords.

This additional search flexibility could minimize the need in the future for ontology revisions.

Thank you!

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