

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles serves veterans and non-veterans with epilepsy in Los Angeles and the surrounding counties. Started in 1957, we are the only 501(c)3 organization devoted solely to helping people with epilepsy in this region.

Our mission is to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research.

For additional information, please visit www.EpilepsyFoundationGLA.org to visit our new website which will launch by June 10th, 2009. Please visit us there after June 10th, and thank you for your patience.

VA Epilepsy Center of Excellence – West Los Angeles

If you have experienced traumatic brain injury or blast injuries to your brain that you know or think have affected you, you should seek a clinic appointment and possibly an EEG evaluation at the VA Epilepsy Center of Excellence at the VA in West Los Angeles. They have epilepsy specialists at the VA and they offer a special neurology and epilepsy clinic every week. Please contact the Physician Assistant at (310) 478-3890.

Fast Facts

- ★ Among 105 casualties assessed between June and October 2003, doctors discovered that about two-thirds, or 67 percent, sustained brain injuries, according to Dr. Laurie Ryan, a neuropsychologist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- ★ Veteran's Affairs-funded research conducted in collaboration with the Department of Defense found that 53 percent of veterans who suffered a penetrating TBI in Vietnam developed epilepsy within 15 years. A full 15 percent did not manifest epilepsy for more than five years after their combat injury.
- ★ The incidence of seizures in the first year after head trauma is 12.7 times the risk of unprovoked seizures in the general population.



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