Complex Partial Seizures

Complex partial seizures can begin in any lobe of the brain, but cause alteration of awareness due to spreading of seizure activity.

Complex partial seizures are often preceded by a simple partial seizure (aura). An aura is often described as a warning and can manifest in several different ways, such as a sense of fear, a funny feeling in the body, déjà vu, etc.

Patients experiencing a complex partial seizure may stare blankly into space, or experience automatisms (non-purposeful, repetitive movements).

Treatment of complex partial seizures

There is no one treatment method for any patient with a seizure disorder. Each treatment plan is tailored to the individual patient based on their diagnosis and symptoms. Treatment options may include medical therapy, nerve stimulation, dietary therapy, or surgery, as appropriate. Clinical trials may also be a valuable treatment alternative.

Request an appointment

For more information about complex partial seizures or to meet with our doctors, request an appointment at the Epilepsy Center.