



NEAD Trust



NEAD Trust is a registered charity for people who have Non Epileptic Attack Disorder and their families. The main purpose of NEAD Trust is to provide some much needed support to people with this condition and allow them to talk to others in the same situation. Our main aims are as follows:

- To relieve the suffering of people with this condition, through the provision of information, advice and support both online, and via social contact.
- To raise awareness of this condition and what it means to the people who live with this illness every single day.

Non Epileptic Attack Disorder The Facts

There is an estimated 37,000 sufferers in England and Wales

Non epileptic seizures typically last longer than epileptic seizures

It is not uncommon for a sufferer's heart rate to increase during a seizure

Around 90% of sufferers report significant traumatic experiences in their past

NEAD can occur in anybody

Untreated non epileptic seizures can causes long term disability

NEAD is initially mistaken for epilepsy in three quarters of cases

Non epileptic seizures resemble epileptic seizures but are not associated with epileptic activity in the brain

NEAD is also known as psychogenic seizures, pseudo-seizures, functional seizures, non epileptic seizures

A recent UK-based study demonstrated that it took an average of 5 years for patients to be correctly diagnosed with NEAD

Almost all NEAD sufferers are initially thought to have epilepsy and three quarters are given (inappropriate) treatment with antiepileptic drugs (AEDs). Many patients are given multiple AEDs as their seizures don't decrease with treatment