

# Encephalitis

77% of people worldwide do not know what encephalitis is.

Here are five facts about this often devastating neurological condition for World Encephalitis Day on 22nd February.



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Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain affecting approximately 1.5 million people globally every year.

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It is caused either by an infection or through the immune system attacking the brain in error

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Anyone can be affected by encephalitis, irrespective of age, sex or ethnicity

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Encephalitis can lead to death and survivors are often left with an acquired brain injury with life-changing consequences

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Early recognition and treatment can save lives and improve patient outcomes



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