

# Encephalitis

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

Here are five facts about this often devastating neurological condition.



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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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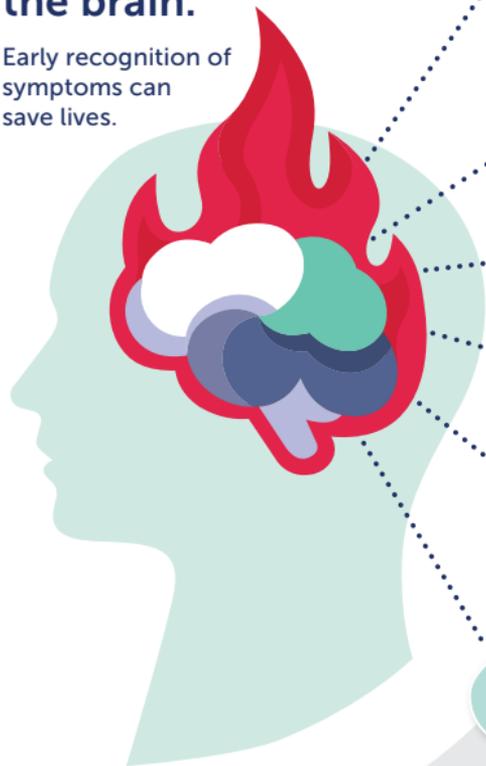
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## Flu-Like Symptoms

Fever, tiredness, nausea, aches and pains.



## Loss of Consciousness

Becoming drowsy, confused or unresponsive.



## Acute Headache

Head pain that feels different from ordinary headaches, and may include dizziness/blurred vision.



## Memory Problems

Forgetting events or struggling to remember things clearly.



## Emotional or Behavioural Changes

Acting out of character, hallucinations, unusual fears or suspicions, mood changes.



## Seizures

Staring blankly, freezing, stiffening of the body, jerking or twitching movements, and falling to the ground.



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