

S.T.E.P.S.

A Discussion Guide for Patients With Epilepsy

With the right S.T.E.P.S., you can have stronger conversations with your healthcare provider and work together to reach your goals.

SEIZURES

How often are you having seizures? Please check one and fill in the blank where appropriate.

- ___ times per month ___ times per year
 ___ times per day ___ times per week
 I don't know

What time of day do your seizures occur? Please check all that apply.

- Morning Afternoon Nighttime

How long do your seizures normally last?

Do you experience any of the following symptoms while having a seizure? Please check all that apply.

- Muscle jerking Strong sense of déjà vu
 Seeing, smelling, tasting, hearing, or feeling things that aren't there Muscle stiffening
 Confusion Repetitive behaviors
 Convulsions Involuntary muscle movements
 Aura Loss of consciousness
 Other: _____

TREATMENT

On a scale of 1 to 10, how well is your current epilepsy medicine(s) working? Please circle one.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(not working) (working extremely well)

What side effects (if any) are you experiencing with your current epilepsy medicine(s)? Please check all that apply.

- Dizziness Sleepiness
 Headache Behavior changes
 Double vision Other: _____

Since starting your current treatment, have your seizures been less frequent? Please check one.

- YES NO

Have you missed any doses lately? Please check one.

- YES NO I don't know

If yes, why? _____

If so, how often? _____

EMOTIONAL IMPACT

Have you noticed any changes in mood because of epilepsy? Please check one.

- YES NO

If so, please describe those changes.

Have seizures affected your relationships with your partner, family, friends, or others? Please check one.

- YES NO

Have seizures interfered with your ability to hold a job or go to school? Please check one.

- YES NO

If seizures are affecting your emotions, would you like any resources to help you cope?

- YES NO

If yes, what kind of resources would be helpful?

PERSONAL GOALS

To help achieve those goals, would you be interested in adding to or switching your epilepsy medicine(s)? Please check one.

- YES NO

What's your overall goal for today's visit?

What are your overall goals for the next year?

SAFETY

Does epilepsy hold you back in your everyday activities? Please check one.

- YES NO

If yes, which activities are you being held back from?

Do you take the necessary safety precautions when doing everyday activities? If so, what are they?

Are you aware of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP)? Please check one.

- YES NO

Be aware of the following safety precautions: follow physician guidance and state laws regarding driving; take showers, not baths; don't swim alone; don't climb heights; avoid operating dangerous machinery.