

STATUS EPILEPTICUS IN THE ELDERLY

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Objectives

- Review basic definitions and epidemiology of SE
- Salient aspects about diagnosis of SE in elderly
- Salient aspects about treatment of SE in elderly

Key messages

- INCIDENCE of Status Epilepticus is HIGHEST in the Elderly
- DIAGNOSIS is challenging – atypical presentations, other “episodes”
- Think NON-CONVULSIVE STATUS in confusional states (1/3 of all Status)
- ETIOLOGY is different in elderly, e.g., Stroke, Metabolic, Trauma
- HIGH comorbidity, drug sensitivity, drug interactions in the elderly
- MORTALITY increases with age
- Treatment with Antiseizure Medications: similar to younger populations
- In Non-convulsive status try to avoid intravenous sedation, intubation, ICU

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