

Epilepsy: Causes Often Unknown

70%

of newly diagnosed cases of epilepsy are of an unknown cause

COMMON CAUSES

- Severe head injury - common in young adults
- Brain tumors, strokes or degenerative conditions - frequent in older adults
- Birth defects - natural disorders can affect the electrical system of the brain
- Infection - meningitis, viral encephalitis, mumps, measles, and diphtheria can trigger seizures



1 – Epilepsy Foundation Web site, <https://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/about/types/causes/index.cfm>

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