

# Health Byte

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## Epilepsy Genetics Initiative (EGI)

According to the Epilepsy Foundation, 6 out of 10 people with epilepsy do not know the cause of their condition. Finding the cause could one day help to find the best treatments and ultimately a cure. Some without a clear cause of epilepsy may have a genetic form. The Epilepsy Genetics Initiative (EGI) is helping to study large numbers of people with epilepsy to understand the genetic causes of epilepsy. At this time, there are 76 identified epilepsy genes. Each is associated with a different age that the seizures start, the types of seizures, and other associated features. To find out more about this, you can visit <https://www.cureepilepsy.org/EGI/about.asp>.

Also see [www.epilepsy.com](http://www.epilepsy.com) and [www.cureepilepsy.org](http://www.cureepilepsy.org).

## Happy 1st Anniversary to “Health Bytes”!

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