



Global disparities in epilepsy outcomes How does it differ in low-income countries and what can be done?

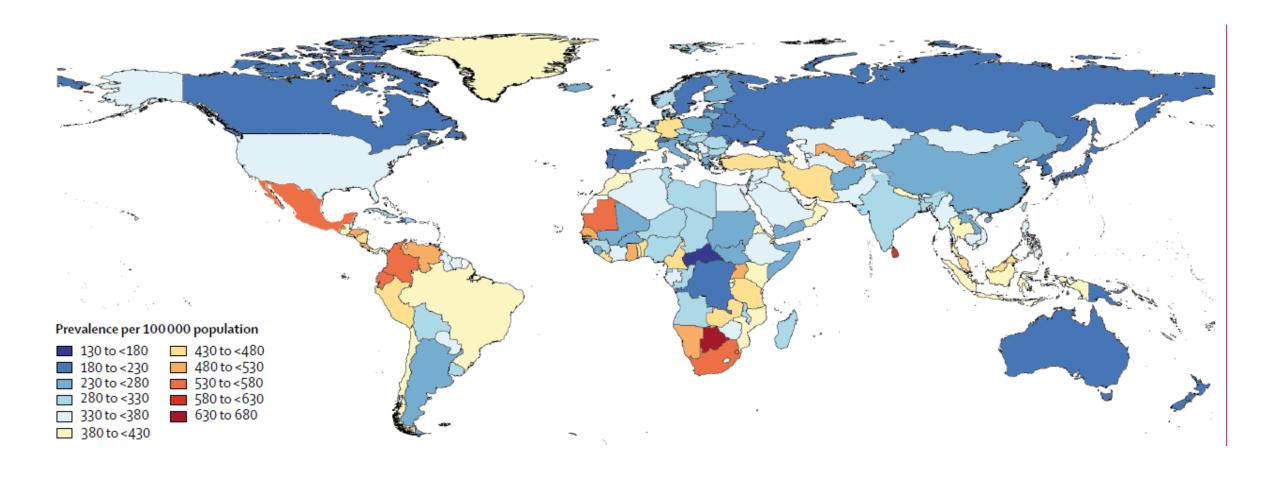
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Epidemiology

- 2006 → WHO: 50 million people had epilepsy
- 2015 → Epilepsy:
 - 5% of total neurological DALYs
 - 1.3 % of all deaths
 - Ranked 5th among neurological disorders





Age-standardized prevalence per 100 000 of epilepsy (2016)



2016

- 45.9 million individuals with active epilepsy (at least 1 seizure in last 12 months)
- 126 K epilepsy-related deaths
 - Epilepsy accounted for 0.23% of deaths
- 13.5 million DALYs
- 5.9 million YLLs
- 7.5 million YLDs



Regional differences

High prevalence

Sub-Sharan Africa Central Asia

Central and
Andean Latin
America
Southeast Asia

Low prevalence

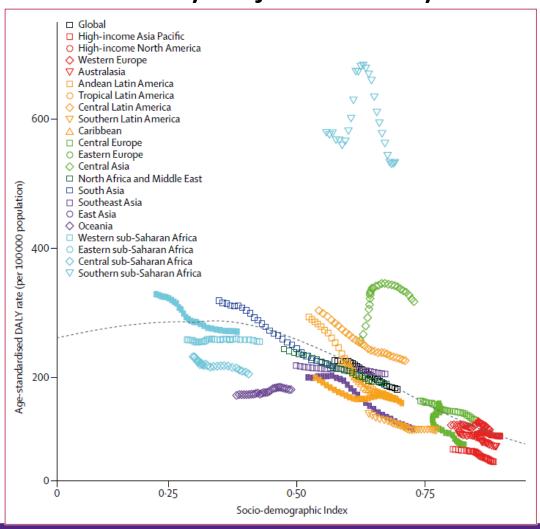
Europe

Canada

USA Japan/Korea

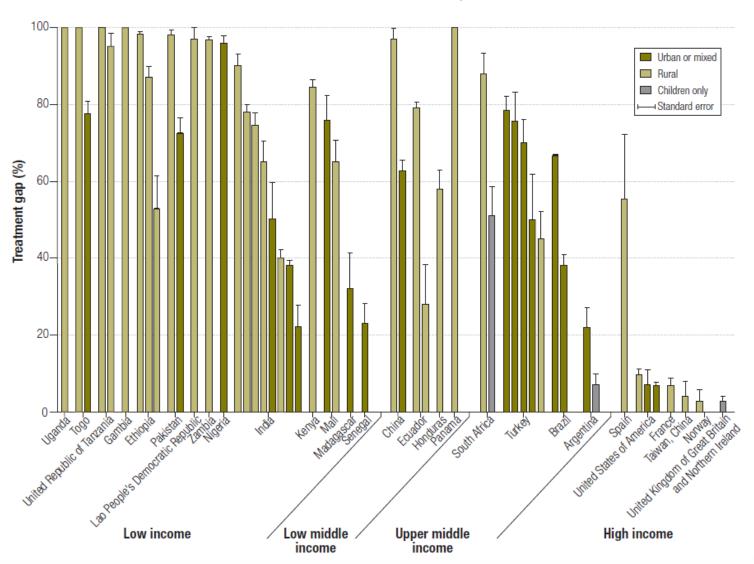


DALY Disability-adjusted life-year





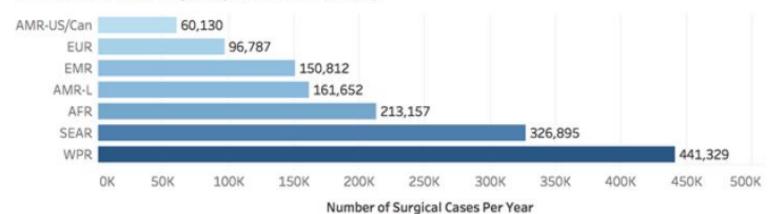
Treatment Gap





Surgery

Global burden of surgically treatable epilepsy



LITERATURE REVIEW

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Within North America

Racial disparities in the use of surgical treatment for intractable temporal lobe epilepsy

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Disparities in epilepsy: Report of a systematic review by the North American Commission of the International League Against Epilepsy

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How to improve?

- Education
- Training
- System change



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