

WEBVTT

NOTE duration: "00:05:12.064"

NOTE Confidence: 0.9937744

00:00:03.840 --> 00:00:05.299 A neuron has information

NOTE Confidence: 0.94215304

00:00:05.839 --> 00:00:07.040 and it goes through the

NOTE Confidence: 0.94215304

00:00:07.040 --> 00:00:08.320 axons, which you can think

NOTE Confidence: 0.94215304

00:00:08.320 --> 00:00:10.559 about as electrical wires to

NOTE Confidence: 0.94215304

00:00:10.559 --> 00:00:11.539 another neuron.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9946638

00:00:12.320 --> 00:00:15.015 Electrical impulses, they travel down

NOTE Confidence: 0.9946638

00:00:15.015 --> 00:00:16.935 the axon and trigger the

NOTE Confidence: 0.9946638

00:00:16.935 --> 00:00:18.395 release of some chemical

NOTE Confidence: 0.8787842

00:00:19.015 --> 00:00:19.515 neurotransmitters.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9977214

00:00:20.614 --> 00:00:21.835 And these neurotransmitters

NOTE Confidence: 0.98083496

00:00:22.215 --> 00:00:24.535 can cause either excitation or

NOTE Confidence: 0.98083496

00:00:24.535 --> 00:00:26.235 inhibition of the brain function.

NOTE Confidence: 0.9815119

00:00:26.855 --> 00:00:28.679 And it allows our brain

NOTE Confidence: 0.9815119

00:00:28.679 --> 00:00:30.839 cells, also called neurons, to

NOTE Confidence: 0.9815119

00:00:30.839 --> 00:00:31.339 communicate.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92419434

00:00:32.199 --> 00:00:33.719 You have over a billion  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92419434

00:00:33.719 --> 00:00:35.079 neurons in the brain, and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92419434

00:00:35.079 --> 00:00:37.100 so it's pretty magical.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:37.879 --> 00:00:39.640 So seizures are caused by  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:39.640 --> 00:00:41.675 sudden abnormal burst of electrical  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:41.815 --> 00:00:43.415 activity in the brain. And  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:43.415 --> 00:00:44.375 a seizure can look like  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:44.375 --> 00:00:46.055 almost anything. If it is  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:46.055 --> 00:00:47.655 affecting the motor areas in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:47.655 --> 00:00:49.175 the brain, patients may notice  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:49.175 --> 00:00:50.955 some jerking movements of the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9397533

00:00:51.095 --> 00:00:52.395 certain part of the extremity.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9473032

00:00:52.935 --> 00:00:54.295 More and more brain when  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9473032

00:00:54.295 --> 00:00:55.915 it gets involved, it causes  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9473032

00:00:56.215 --> 00:00:57.270 loss of impairment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.96413577  
00:00:58.770 --> 00:01:00.290 The seizure can be provoked  
NOTE Confidence: 0.96413577  
00:01:00.290 --> 00:01:01.750 or it can be unprovoked.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9787322  
00:01:02.290 --> 00:01:04.130 Provoked seizures can occur in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9787322  
00:01:04.130 --> 00:01:05.970 response to a specific trigger  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9787322  
00:01:05.970 --> 00:01:07.890 or a temporary condition. It  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9787322  
00:01:07.890 --> 00:01:09.090 could be high fever, low  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9787322  
00:01:09.090 --> 00:01:11.715 blood sugar, versus unprovoked seizures,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9787322  
00:01:11.715 --> 00:01:13.415 they occur without an immediate  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9787322  
00:01:13.475 --> 00:01:13.975 trigger.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9816352  
00:01:14.275 --> 00:01:15.555 So if you've had two  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9816352  
00:01:15.555 --> 00:01:17.155 seizures that are unprovoked, you  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9816352  
00:01:17.155 --> 00:01:18.595 have epilepsy. Or if you  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9816352  
00:01:18.595 --> 00:01:19.655 have one seizure  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98679197  
00:01:19.955 --> 00:01:21.415 and you have a structural  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98679197  
00:01:21.635 --> 00:01:22.834 problem in your brain that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98679197

00:01:22.834 --> 00:01:24.435 can cause another seizure, that  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98679197

00:01:24.435 --> 00:01:26.055 is how epilepsy is defined.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9433594

00:01:29.500 --> 00:01:31.360 So diagnosis is so important  
NOTE Confidence: 0.96085614

00:01:31.660 --> 00:01:33.020 because there are many different  
NOTE Confidence: 0.96085614

00:01:33.020 --> 00:01:34.240 ways to treat seizures.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9666041

00:01:34.540 --> 00:01:35.980 And so understanding where they  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9666041

00:01:35.980 --> 00:01:37.819 come from, the parts of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9666041

00:01:37.819 --> 00:01:39.100 the brain they affect, and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9666041

00:01:39.100 --> 00:01:40.560 the functions they affect  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98328996

00:01:41.115 --> 00:01:43.035 has a direct correlation with  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98328996

00:01:43.035 --> 00:01:44.095 what can be done.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99827814

00:01:44.555 --> 00:01:45.995 A brain MRI is one  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99827814

00:01:45.995 --> 00:01:47.755 of the most useful tools  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99827814

00:01:47.755 --> 00:01:49.055 that we have in evaluating  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99827814

00:01:49.115 --> 00:01:50.255 a patient with epilepsy  
NOTE Confidence: 0.95996094

00:01:50.795 --> 00:01:53.295 because it helps identify structural

NOTE Confidence: 0.95996094  
00:01:53.435 --> 00:01:53.935 abnormalities  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94277954  
00:01:54.235 --> 00:01:55.410 in the brain. Like a  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94277954  
00:01:55.570 --> 00:01:56.770 stroke or if there is  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94277954  
00:01:56.770 --> 00:01:58.370 a brain tumor benign or  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94277954  
00:01:58.370 --> 00:01:58.870 malignant.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.89750975  
00:01:59.410 --> 00:02:01.110 So EEG is an electroencephalogram.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99834734  
00:02:01.810 --> 00:02:03.250 It is basically measuring the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99834734  
00:02:03.250 --> 00:02:05.250 electrical signals of the brain.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99834734  
00:02:05.250 --> 00:02:06.310 You put some  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99958146  
00:02:06.850 --> 00:02:08.530 electrodes on the surface of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99958146  
00:02:08.530 --> 00:02:09.165 the head  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99825615  
00:02:09.965 --> 00:02:11.405 to know where seizures are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99825615  
00:02:11.405 --> 00:02:12.224 coming from.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94046724  
00:02:13.484 --> 00:02:15.185 EEG is a fantastic technique,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94046724  
00:02:15.325 --> 00:02:16.284 but it also has some  
NOTE Confidence: 0.94046724

00:02:16.284 --> 00:02:17.105 of its limitations.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99759114

00:02:17.805 --> 00:02:19.165 Because when things come from  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99759114

00:02:19.165 --> 00:02:20.704 very deep in the brain,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99759114

00:02:20.844 --> 00:02:22.944 it's difficult for EEG to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99311966

00:02:23.460 --> 00:02:25.380 accurately tell you where in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99311966

00:02:25.380 --> 00:02:26.500 that deep part of the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99311966

00:02:26.500 --> 00:02:27.000 brain  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9675293

00:02:27.300 --> 00:02:28.760 decisions are coming from.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98530275

00:02:29.380 --> 00:02:30.200 So magnetoencephalography  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9581581

00:02:31.700 --> 00:02:33.060 is another way of looking  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9581581

00:02:33.060 --> 00:02:34.580 deep in the brain. Rather  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9581581

00:02:34.580 --> 00:02:35.505 than electrical signals,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.79907227

00:02:48.145 --> 00:02:49.365 referral to  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9826253

00:02:50.569 --> 00:02:52.590 early referral to a comprehensive  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9826253

00:02:52.650 --> 00:02:54.250 epilepsy center is the key  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9826253

00:02:54.250 --> 00:02:54.989 to success.

NOTE Confidence: 0.98142314  
00:02:56.650 --> 00:02:58.489 For epilepsy, the first line  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98142314  
00:02:58.489 --> 00:03:00.810 of treatment is anti seizure  
NOTE Confidence: 0.98142314  
00:03:00.810 --> 00:03:01.310 medications.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9852783  
00:03:01.610 --> 00:03:03.150 Seventy percent of the patients  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9852783  
00:03:03.370 --> 00:03:05.205 respond very well to medications  
NOTE Confidence: 0.7687988  
00:03:05.505 --> 00:03:06.005 usually,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97852725  
00:03:06.305 --> 00:03:07.505 and they will not have  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97852725  
00:03:07.505 --> 00:03:09.185 another seizures if they are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97852725  
00:03:09.185 --> 00:03:10.965 taking their medicines on time.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97852725  
00:03:11.025 --> 00:03:12.465 Now, if you've tried two  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97852725  
00:03:12.465 --> 00:03:12.965 medications  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9776408  
00:03:13.985 --> 00:03:15.825 for epilepsy and you still  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9776408  
00:03:15.825 --> 00:03:17.525 have unprovoked seizures,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9981893  
00:03:18.000 --> 00:03:19.760 that is the definition of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9981893  
00:03:19.760 --> 00:03:21.540 medication refractory epilepsy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9507141

00:03:23.040 --> 00:03:24.879 We've learned that you can  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9507141

00:03:24.879 --> 00:03:26.419 use surgery actually  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9904785

00:03:26.720 --> 00:03:27.459 to treat  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9838867

00:03:27.760 --> 00:03:28.260 these  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99226886

00:03:28.720 --> 00:03:30.645 medication refractory seizures.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9630534

00:03:32.465 --> 00:03:34.145 We do have very minimally  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9630534

00:03:34.145 --> 00:03:34.645 invasive  
NOTE Confidence: 0.99121094

00:03:34.945 --> 00:03:35.445 technologies  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8857422

00:03:36.065 --> 00:03:36.645 such as laser  
NOTE Confidence: 0.87045896

00:03:37.425 --> 00:03:39.685 where through a two millimeter  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9404297

00:03:40.225 --> 00:03:41.605 hole, we can actually  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97802734

00:03:42.145 --> 00:03:42.645 remove  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9932454

00:03:42.945 --> 00:03:44.079 tissue that causes seizures in  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9932454

00:03:44.079 --> 00:03:44.579 the  
NOTE Confidence: 0.85961914

00:03:44.879 --> 00:03:45.379 brain.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.907959

00:03:46.560 --> 00:03:47.379 And sometimes,

NOTE Confidence: 0.99902344  
00:03:48.079 --> 00:03:49.459 seizures come from places  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9995117  
00:03:49.760 --> 00:03:51.620 that are extremely important  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92961776  
00:03:51.920 --> 00:03:53.040 in the brain such as  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92961776  
00:03:53.040 --> 00:03:54.099 language function.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92626953  
00:03:54.480 --> 00:03:55.695 And so now, we have  
NOTE Confidence: 0.92626953  
00:03:55.935 --> 00:03:57.155 closed loop neuromodulation  
NOTE Confidence: 1  
00:03:57.535 --> 00:03:58.035 devices  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97892255  
00:03:58.575 --> 00:04:00.495 that will detect seizures and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97892255  
00:04:00.495 --> 00:04:00.995 stimulate  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9623736  
00:04:01.295 --> 00:04:02.895 to short circuit them and  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9623736  
00:04:02.895 --> 00:04:04.495 so people can continue with  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9623736  
00:04:04.495 --> 00:04:05.775 their lives and and not  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9623736  
00:04:05.775 --> 00:04:06.595 lose function.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97342354  
00:04:07.135 --> 00:04:08.675 And now, we're actually having  
NOTE Confidence: 0.97342354  
00:04:08.895 --> 00:04:09.795 newer things  
NOTE Confidence: 0.882704

00:04:10.255 --> 00:04:12.160 such as focused ultrasounds for  
NOTE Confidence: 0.882704

00:04:12.160 --> 00:04:13.220 the treatment of epilepsy.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8206787

00:04:15.360 --> 00:04:17.279 And it's lifeless surgery. You  
NOTE Confidence: 0.8206787

00:04:17.279 --> 00:04:18.420 can use ultrasound  
NOTE Confidence: 0.91788

00:04:19.120 --> 00:04:21.680 waves to ablate regions of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.91788

00:04:21.680 --> 00:04:23.440 brain that could be causing  
NOTE Confidence: 0.91788

00:04:23.440 --> 00:04:23.940 seizures.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9765625

00:04:27.545 --> 00:04:28.665 So we have a really  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9765625

00:04:28.665 --> 00:04:30.765 big research program at Yale.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9765625

00:04:30.985 --> 00:04:31.805 The epilepsy,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9799343

00:04:32.505 --> 00:04:34.105 teams are looking at, like,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9799343

00:04:34.105 --> 00:04:36.105 what impairs the consciousness during  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9799343

00:04:36.105 --> 00:04:37.385 seizures. So if we can  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9799343

00:04:37.385 --> 00:04:38.985 have a better understanding of  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9799343

00:04:38.985 --> 00:04:40.770 consciousness, where it comes from,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9799343

00:04:40.770 --> 00:04:42.210 we can try to see

NOTE Confidence: 0.9799343  
00:04:42.210 --> 00:04:43.250 how we can make our  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9799343  
00:04:43.250 --> 00:04:44.229 patients safer.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9899609  
00:04:44.849 --> 00:04:46.690 In terms of epilepsy surgery,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9899609  
00:04:46.690 --> 00:04:48.129 when we try to figure  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9899609  
00:04:48.129 --> 00:04:49.830 out what are the different  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9899609  
00:04:49.970 --> 00:04:52.150 zones doing, then we understand  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9899609  
00:04:52.210 --> 00:04:54.389 the epilepsy networks much better.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9856445  
00:04:55.415 --> 00:04:57.435 At Yale, we have pioneered  
NOTE Confidence: 1  
00:04:57.975 --> 00:04:58.475 surgical  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9753196  
00:04:58.935 --> 00:05:00.775 interventions for epilepsy. We are  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9753196  
00:05:00.775 --> 00:05:02.795 involved in multiple clinical trials.  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9753196  
00:05:02.935 --> 00:05:04.695 Yale is definitely a forefront,  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9753196  
00:05:04.695 --> 00:05:05.815 a leader in the treatment  
NOTE Confidence: 0.9753196  
00:05:05.815 --> 00:05:06.395 of epilepsy.