

Worldwide first absence seizure tracker becomes available to Australian families

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EIT Health 2019 winner epihunter launches collaboration with Seizure Alert Australia to make their product available to more than 35.000 Australians with absence epilepsy.

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More than **250,000 Australian** are living with epilepsy, of which 1 in 7 are having difficult-to-notice **absence seizures**. Such seizures are different from tonic-clonic (convulsive) seizures, and are typically shorter in length, with a brief loss of consciousness. Even though absence seizure usually does not lead to physical injury, they have a major impact on the wellbeing of the person and in e.g. a classroom situation children with such seizures are often falling behind and being misunderstood. Epihunter is the **first product that automatically detects absence seizures** using wearable EEG technology.



“The interest in our absence seizure tracker comes from all over the world. Australia has been on our list for some time, and we are pleased to have found a reliable and respected partner in **Seizure Alert Australia**. It is unique and extremely meaningful that both companies are founded by parents of a child with epilepsy,” says Tim Buckinx, epihunter CEO & co-founder.



Seizure Alert Australia offers a number of products to assist Australians affected by epilepsy. Today epihunter’s solution becomes available in whole **Australia and New Zealand**.

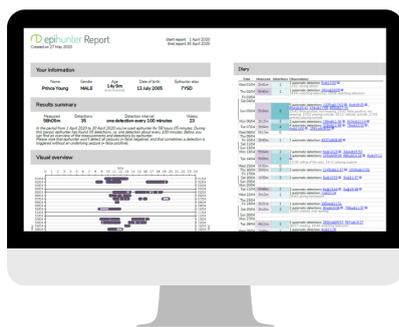
“Through our e-commerce platform, Australian families can order epihunter’s **home-to-use** products and have it delivered to their doorstep in a matter of days. Not to mention, epihunter may be able to be **funded through NDIS for eligible participants**,” says Wendy Crack, Seizure Alert Australia Director, “we will be only a phone call or online message away for any questions before and during epihunter use. Obviously, as affected by epilepsy ourselves we will always be open for a chat and questions on epilepsy and its daily life impact,” Wendy Crack continues.



More than **35.000 Australians can benefit from epihunter's absence seizure tracker** which signals, video-records and logs seizures in real-time.

“This is good news for children, youth and adults with absence seizures”, adds Buckinx, epihunter CEO, “with currently more than 150 users in the UK & Ireland, Belgium and the Netherlands, epihunter has proven its value by bringing back **self-confidence**, building **independence** and improving the **communication** between the **person with epilepsy**, their **caregivers** and **physicians**, says Buckinx.

Epihunter, which last year earned the European **CE mark** as a class I **medical device**, is also today launching a new offering towards the B2B market.



“We are today launching a novel service towards European **paediatricians and neurologists**. By providing objective seizure insights and a **fully automatically generated seizure diary**, we are supporting the treating physicians by enhancing the diagnosis of and follow-up of people with **non-motor seizures**,” says Buckinx, “next to this, our **seed funding round** is open and we invite interested parties to help us unleash the company’s potential also in other geographical markets, forms of epilepsy and **neurological conditions**,” Buckinx ends.

About epihunter

- Award-winning digital health tech HQed in Hasselt (Flanders), Belgium
- Founded by a dad of a son with epilepsy
- EIT Health 2019 Digital Health 1st prize winner & MassChallenge 2019 cohort member
- Launched epihunter, the worldwide first and only absence seizure tracker
- Epihunter signals, video-records and logs difficult-to-notice absence seizures in real-time
- Running a prospective clinical validation study with, among other centres, Boston Children’s Hospital (US) and University Hospitals Leuven (Belgium) with funding from the Epilepsy Foundation of America.
- www.epihunter.com

About Seizure Alert Australia

- Offers a range of epilepsy products, including epihunter, to people in Australia & New Zealand
- Founded by parents of a daughter with epilepsy
- Based in Ballarat (Victoria), Australia

- For orders from Australia & New Zealand:
www.seizurealertaustralia.com.au/epihunter

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