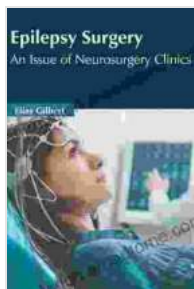


# Epilepsy: An Issue of Neurosurgery Clinics - The Clinician's Guide to Pre- and Post-Operative Management

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures. Seizures are episodes of abnormal electrical activity in the brain that can cause a variety of symptoms, including loss of consciousness, convulsions, and sensory disturbances. Epilepsy is a common condition, affecting approximately 1% of the population worldwide.

Surgery is an important treatment option for epilepsy. Epilepsy surgery can be used to remove the part of the brain that is causing the seizures. This surgery is typically performed on patients who have failed to respond to medication.



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The decision to undergo epilepsy surgery is a complex one. Patients should carefully consider the risks and benefits of surgery before making a decision.

## **Risks of Epilepsy Surgery**

The risks of epilepsy surgery vary depending on the type of surgery performed. However, some of the most common risks include:

\* Bleeding \* Infection \* Seizures \* Speech problems \* Memory problems \*  
Motor problems

## **Benefits of Epilepsy Surgery**

The benefits of epilepsy surgery can be significant. In some cases, surgery can completely cure epilepsy. In other cases, surgery can reduce the frequency and severity of seizures. Surgery can also improve quality of life by reducing the risk of seizures and their associated complications.

## **Pre-Operative Management**

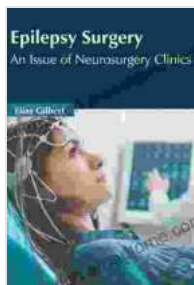
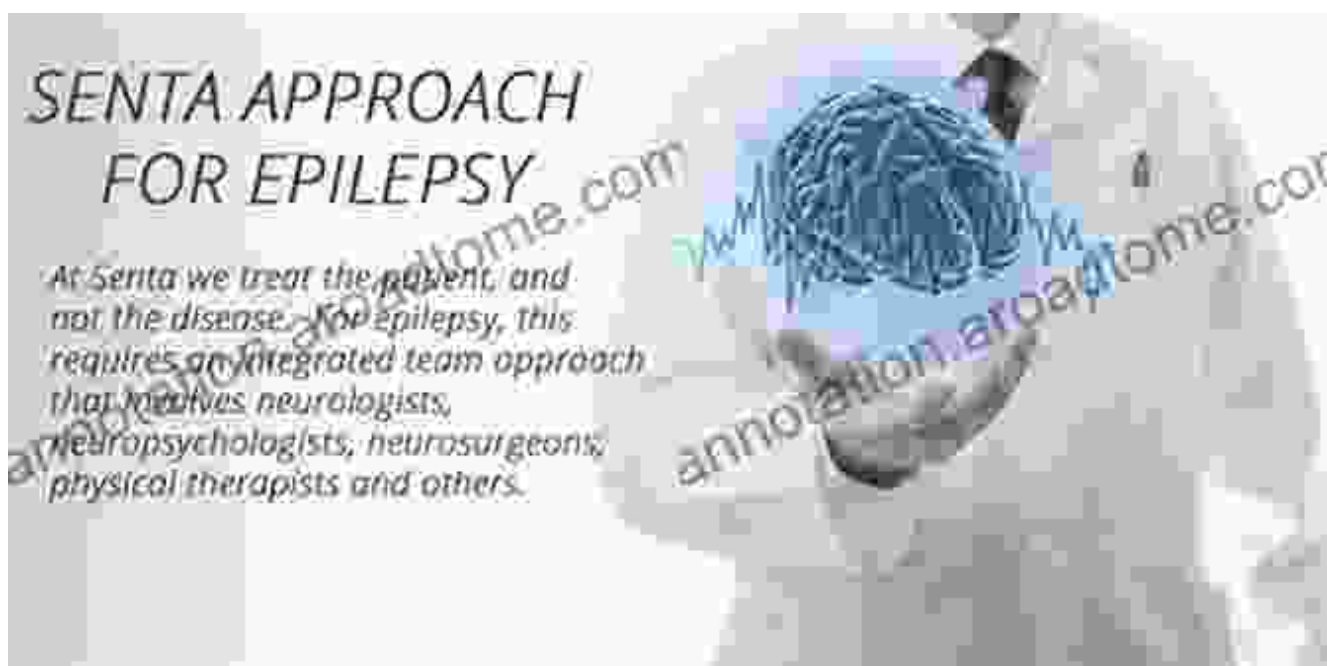
The pre-operative management of epilepsy patients is essential to ensure the best possible outcome from surgery. The pre-operative evaluation should include a comprehensive medical history and physical examination. The patient's seizures should be characterized and their frequency and severity should be documented. The patient should also undergo a variety of tests to assess their overall health and to identify any potential risks for surgery.

## **Post-Operative Management**

The post-operative management of epilepsy patients is also essential to ensure the best possible outcome from surgery. The patient should be closely monitored for any complications. The patient's seizures should be monitored and their frequency and severity should be documented. The

patient should also be provided with education on how to manage their seizures and how to avoid potential triggers.

Epilepsy surgery is a complex but potentially life-changing procedure. Patients who are considering epilepsy surgery should carefully consider the risks and benefits of surgery before making a decision. The decision to undergo surgery should be made in consultation with a qualified neurosurgeon and other members of the patient's healthcare team.



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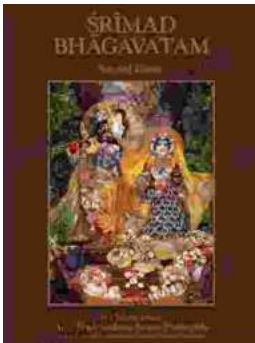
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