



New SK Life Science, Inc. Survey Reveals Communication Gaps Between Patients and Providers That Can Impact Epilepsy Care Outcomes

Nearly 3 in 4 patients don't report all of their seizures to their doctor, highlighting risks in treatment decisions and life-saving conversations

Paramus, New Jersey – October 28, 2025 – As National Epilepsy Awareness Month begins on Saturday, new survey findings from [SK Life Science, Inc.](#), a global leader in treatments for central nervous system (CNS) disorders and a subsidiary of SK Biopharmaceuticals Co., Ltd., reveal striking communication gaps between patients and providers that can stand in the way of proper care and important treatment decisions. Notably, nearly three-quarters of people living with epilepsy report they don't share all seizures with their doctors, underscoring the importance of trust, open dialogue, and more effective treatment conversations.

The survey, *Hope, Hesitancy, and Hard Truths: A Patient and Provider Perspective on Epilepsy Treatment*, conducted by Wakefield Research among 500 patients living with epilepsy and 450 healthcare providers in the U.S. (neurologists, epileptologists, and advanced practice providers), also uncovered differences in how each group defines seizure control and approaches treatment decisions. For example, while nearly two-thirds (63%) of doctors believe it's realistic to reduce seizures by 75-100%, more than three-quarters (78%) of patients don't believe they'll ever be seizure-free. Among the survey's most significant findings:

- **Treatment switching discussions are complex:** Nearly 90% of patients say they'd ask about switching medications if it meant better control, yet 88% of doctors report pushback from patients or their families when they raise the idea – often due to concerns about side effects, cost, or uncertainty about benefit.
- **Seizure reporting disconnect:** Almost three-quarters (72%) of patients admit they don't report all their seizures to their doctor – often due to concerns about their independence being limited or not believing their seizures were “significant enough” to report.
- **Conversations about SUDEP are inconsistent:** While 88% of doctors say they have discussed SUDEP, also known as sudden unexpected death in epilepsy, only 63% of patients recall having such a conversation with their healthcare provider. Nearly 1 in 5 patients who experience daily seizures had never heard of SUDEP, the leading cause of death in people with uncontrolled seizures. This gap highlights how critical patient awareness and proactive treatment decisions are in reducing risk.

“These findings reinforce the idea that epilepsy care is about more than prescribing medication — it's about ongoing communication, trust, and shared decision-making. Open dialogue between patients and their healthcare providers is critical to reducing seizure frequency, addressing risks like SUDEP, and ensuring treatment decisions are as effective and safe as possible,” said Pavel Klein, MD, neurologist. “The fact that so many patients feel uncertain about reporting seizures or achieving seizure freedom should make all of us in the epilepsy community rethink how we engage in these essential conversations.”

Epilepsy by the Numbers

Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder, affecting nearly 3.4 million people in the U.S., with about 150,000 new cases each year.¹ The condition is characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures that can impact safety, relationships, work, and independence. People with epilepsy are also at risk for accidents and other health complications, including depression and SUDEP. Despite the availability of many therapies, about one-third of people with epilepsy continue to experience seizures that remain uncontrolled.²

“As a company dedicated to improving outcomes for people with epilepsy, SK Life Science is committed to listening closely to the voices of both patients and providers,” said Sunita Misra, MD, PhD, Vice President of Global Clinical Development and Chief Medical Officer, SK Life Science, Inc. “By shining a light on these communication gaps, we can better support informed treatment conversations, develop solutions that empower individuals, and advance our mission of bringing hope to the epilepsy community.”

Together, these findings highlight the urgency of improving communication in epilepsy care and show where progress can be made to close gaps, reduce stigma, and ultimately improve outcomes for the millions of people living with epilepsy.

To view the full survey report, visit <https://www.sklifescienceinc.com/news-media/#survey-report>

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About Epilepsy

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