# #BioEP: Providing Decision Support for Epilepsy Diagnosis and Prognosis







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- Develop advanced mathematical models for understanding dynamic chronic health conditions
- Partner with clinicians and industry to translate fundamental research into decision support tools
- Focus on neurological conditions, cardiology, diabetes and endocrinology













### Clinical Need for BioEP

- Standard EEG analysis ineffective discriminator:
  - 350,000 people have inconclusive initial EEGs annually in US & Europe
- Typical time to diagnosis:
  - $\approx$  9-12 months in specialist settings
- Misdiagnosis is common:
  - 23% in non-specialist settings
- Annual cost of misdiagnosis:
  - $\approx$  \$1-\$4 Billion in the US alone









# Current Alternatives

### Long-Term Monitoring

### **Advantages**

- Certainty
- Gold Standard (with video)

### Disadvantages

- Impractical
- Invasive
- Expensive
- Time consuming
- Delays treatment
- Stigma
- Risk











### The BioEP Solution

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- Patent-pending in USA/Europe/China/India
- Builds on world-leading research into network
  based mechanisms of seizures
- Lancet Neurology breakthrough study in epilepsy 2014



### The BioEP Solution

- A disruptive technology using only background EEG **NOT** observing seizures
- BioEP is a measure of seizure likelihood using computer simulations
- Prediction fed back to primary care or clinic
- Provide real-time information to people with epilepsy in conjunction with wireless headset





# Current Progress

- Proof of concept:
  - Non-epilepsy: 80 people
  - Relatives: 40 people
  - IGE: 30 people (Epilepsia **57**: e200 2016)
  - Focal: 35 people (under review)
- Over 100 people engaged
- Health economic assessment:
  - £625 per person savings to UK NHS
- Finalist in Epilepsy Foundation "SharkTank" contest 2017 \$5000 prize



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### Next Steps

- 1. Data architecture and Infrastructure
- 2. Create a clinically representative database
- 3. Develop prototype software as a service (SaaS)
- 4. Perform clinical trial for diagnosis and prognosis
- 5. Seek regulatory approval (CE, FDA 510(k))
- 6. Product launch

#### Likelihood ratio: 21.5







