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http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/living/

Overview: This website discusses what Epilepsy is, treatments for epilepsy, different research being done and recent news on epilepsy.

Audience:

Parents:

The Epilepsy Foundation website includes a lot of useful information that parents can use, such as how genetics relates to epilepsy. They even have a section devoted to parents who have a child with epilepsy, giving different links to other helpful websites.



Individuals with epilepsy:

- This website has many wonderful items that they can use to help them, such as websites devoted to teenagers, women and Hispanics. Each sub-group, such as women, can be clicked on, which will give individuals more links for that specific group.
- They give many helpful suggestions on issues someone with epilepsy might face, such as transportation issues, insurance problems and safety.

• Educators:

This site would be beneficial for educators because they can expand their knowledge of epilepsy by reading about what causes it, treatments and the challenges many people with epilepsy face. This site also gives first aid on what to do if someone is having a seizure, which is very important for a teacher to know.

Services:

• This site gives a specified description of what epilepsy is, first aid for epilepsy, the diagnosis process, treatment options, how to live with epilepsy for many different people, such as teenagers and children. This site has many links to different research being done for epilepsy, such as new grants. There is a news section, where someone can keep up to date with what is going on with epilepsy.

Strengths:

- This site includes many different individuals in their information, such as specific links for Hispanic people and teenagers.
- The information is descriptive and informative, yet is still reader friendly.
- If someone was looking for more information, there are many links to other websites that can be useful and educational.

Weaknesses:

• I found that the front page of the website was very busy and hard to navigate through.

• In some parts, such as the "Living with Epilepsy" section, the information is hard to find, because one has to click different things to find all of the information.

Organization:

- Infound that the opening page of the website to be very busy and rather confusing. The many pictures, links and other information was very distracting and it was hard to pick the first thing to look at.
- There are many links to click that send one to other websites, which I found quite helpful.

Overall Assessment:

Overall, I found this website very useful and informative. There were many different things to look at, such as news about epilepsy. I learned many things about epilepsy that I had not known before, like what to do if someone has a seizure. I really like that the website has other links and sites to go to that are specific to certain individuals, like teenagers or children. I think that the organization of the website is quite confusing at times, but overall I enjoyed this website. I think many people would find this website useful, not just individuals with Epilepsy. I think it's a very beneficial website that has a lot of information to help people become more aware of Epilepsy.