

## POSTICTAL PSYCHOSES - THE IMPORTANCE OF SEIZURES CONTROL A CASE REPORT

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**Introduction:** Psychiatric symptoms occur quite often in epilepsy and are an important prognostic factor in quality of life of patients with this neurological condition.

The psychotic disorders occurring in epilepsy are classified according to their chronological relationship with the seizures. The peri-ictal psychoses occur before (pre-ictal), during (ictal) or after (postictal) the emergence of a seizure. Inter-ictal psychoses occur independently of seizures. Postictal psychosis (PP) episodes are typically of short duration.

**Objectives/aims:** Our aim is to show the great importance of seizures control as a way to prevent the onset of psychotic symptoms, thereby improving patient's prognosis and quality of life.

**Methods:** In this paper we describe a case of a 44-year-old man, with post-traumatic epilepsy and postictal psychotic symptoms.

**Results/conclusion:** The search and the recognition of psychiatric symptoms in epilepsy allow a better understanding of the overall clinical case and, therefore, a more effective treatment.