



Donations Urgently Needed to Purchase Essential Anti-Seizure Medications for Epilepsy Patients in Puerto Rico Impacted by Recent Earthquakes

New Orleans, LA, January 14, 2020 — The [Epilepsy Alliance America](https://www.epilepsyallianceamerica.org) (EAA), a national organization dedicated to providing direct support, care, and service to people living with epilepsy and their families is seeking immediate financial donations to help purchase essential anti-seizure medications for epilepsy patients impacted by the recent 6.4-magnitude earthquake that killed one person, injured nine others and severely damaged the infrastructure in Puerto Rico's southwest coastal area.

"In Puerto Rico, approximately 1% of the population, or 30,000 people, are living with epilepsy," stated Michael A. Rosado, Executive Director of Epilepsy Alliance Puerto Rico, an EAA member organization. "We estimate that more than 600 epileptic patients are without their essential anti-seizure medications due to the destruction of their dwellings or to safety concerns preventing them from re-entering their homes or apartments."

"We are working hard, under difficult circumstances, to keep patients on their medications but need money to buy them anti-seizure medicines," stated EAA Chairman H. Davis Cole. "We are appealing for help so we can provide immediate assistance to these epilepsy patients in Puerto Rico. The pharmacy infrastructure is intact in most regions of the island, and the medicines are available, so we do have access to acquire them quickly. We already have neurologists and care-givers mobilized in the regions to provide the necessary patient support."

Please donate by visiting the EAA website at: <https://www.epilepsyallianceamerica.org> or by calling EAA at 1-800-642-0500.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

EAA is a 501(c)(3) organization comprised of eight (8) member state-based non-profit organizations dedicated to providing direct patient care to those living with epilepsy in local communities. EAA organizations serve approximately 1 million people living with epilepsy and seizure disorders.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our much needed request.