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Archimedes spiral

The IETF proudly features an Archimedes spiral in our logo. Named after the Greek mathematician Archimedes (287-212 BCE), the spiral is, among other things, a diagnostic tool for essential tremor: asking a patient to draw an Archimedes spiral is one of the ways physicians diagnose ET.

International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF)

Headquartered in Lenexa, Kansas, the International Essential Tremor Foundation is guided by a board of directors, a medical advisory board, an executive director and full-time staff. The organization consists of patients, physicians, educators, health care workers, parents, relatives, friends and volunteers.



Your Voice for Essential Tremor (ET)



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Founded in 1988, the International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF) is the leading organization in the world dedicated to those affected by essential tremor.

The mission of the IETF is to provide hope to the essential tremor (ET) community worldwide through awareness, education, support and research.

Essential Tremor FAQs

ET is a neurological condition that affects an estimated 10 million Americans and countless millions more worldwide.

ET causes rhythmic shaking of the hands, head and/or voice making everyday activities such as drinking, eating, and writing difficult, if not impossible.

ET is often misdiagnosed as Parkinson's disease, although eight times more common.

Although the median age of onset is 45 years old, ET can affect anyone at any age, even infants.

Many people feel ashamed and embarrassed by their tremor and become socially isolated. Depression and anxiety are very real side effects of living with ET.

There are few effective treatment options and no cure for this life-altering condition.

How is the IETF your voice for essential tremor?

- The IETF is a non-profit organization with a full-time staff and hundreds of volunteers and advocates around the world promoting research, awareness and support for essential tremor.
- The IETF provides funding to researchers working to find the cause of essential tremor, better treatments and a cure.
- The IETF spearheaded the creation of a National Essential Tremor Awareness Month in the United States (March), and works every year to help increase awareness among legislators and the general public.
- The IETF is a proud member of the American Brain Coalition (ABC), Cures Acceleration Network (CAN), Genetic Alliance, Midwest Neurological Coalition, and many other health policy organizations ensuring ET stays in the forefront of scientific conversation.
- The IETF provides free educational information and materials to everyone, to help educate healthcare providers, patients and their families on the latest advancements and options.

“When I was diagnosed with essential tremor, my neurologist sent me home with a bottle of pills and very little information. The IETF has filled a very big void left from the lack of available information.”

– Ryan, IETF supporter

Our Success is Your Victory!



The IETF has distributed more than **\$750,000 in research grants**, to fund **promising studies** in the search for the cause of and cure for essential tremor.

Because knowledge is powerful medicine, the IETF hosts **free, community education events** across the U.S. to provide those affected with ET with the knowledge necessary to become their own advocates when seeking treatment.



With **dozens of support group leader volunteers**, the IETF has provided guidance to a vast network of support around the world. More than 20,000 volunteer hours are donated each year to the service of the ET community. But the true value of these grassroots efforts is immeasurable.

The IETF exhibits and distributes educational materials at several **healthcare provider conferences**, in order to increase awareness of essential tremor and educate physicians, nurses, and allied healthcare professionals.



The IETF provides **college scholarships to exceptional students** of all ages who are affected by ET.

Thousands of individuals connect with the IETF each year, looking for credible and reliable health information. We manage a library of dozens of support materials online and inhouse.



The IETF is a **respected advocacy group** whose expertise is sought out by government officials, business leaders, researchers, the pharmaceutical industry, and health-related non-profits.