Is Epilepsy a disability?

Disability Assessment Schedule (DAS) 2
• Universal for health and disease
• Generic for all conditions
• Validated across the world

Objectives
To determine the utility of Disability Assessment Schedule II (DAS II) in quantifying disability of epilepsy

Subjects and methods
Selection criteria
Residence in Kerala, Malayalam language speaking
Age 20 – 60 years
Exclude
Significant co morbidities that may overshadow the epilepsy

Conclusions
• People with epilepsy have significant disability
• DAS II can capture disability of epilepsy effectively
• There is good correlation between DAS score and other measures such as QOLIE, WBI, IQ and demographic parameters such as Education, Employment and income
• Seizure type or seizure burden did not correlate with the magnitude of disability

Literature
WHO DAS II
http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/whodasii/en/

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My ability is stronger than my disability