

SUDEP Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy



The Chelsea Hutchison Foundation is a Colorado non-profit corporation formed by Julie and Doug Hutchison to provide help to individuals, particularly children and young adults, who have epilepsy. Funds raised by this Foundation provide grants for trained seizure-response dogs and seizure movement monitors for those in need. The Chelsea Hutchison Foundation is named for Julie and Doug's beloved daughter, Chelsea, who died in her sleep during a seizure in April of 2009. SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy) was the cause of her death. During the 6 years that Chelsea had seizures, no one ever told the Hutchisons a seizure could take her life, other than through an accidental fall or drowning. As a result of that omission, the Chelsea Hutchison Foundation raises SUDEP Awareness so other families are not blindsided.

