

Globally, 11 percent of children live with one of four disabilities

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(HealthDay)—Overall, 11.2 percent of the 2.6 billion children and

adolescents worldwide had one of the following in 2017: childhood epilepsy, intellectual disability, vision loss, or hearing loss, according to a study published online June 17 in *Pediatrics*.

Bolajoko O. Olusanya, M.B.B.S., Ph.D., from the Centre for Healthy Start Initiative in Lagos, Nigeria, and colleagues examined data from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 on the prevalence of [childhood epilepsy](#), [intellectual disability](#), and vision or [hearing loss](#) and on years lived with disability (YLD).

The researchers found that in 2017, 11.2 percent of the 2.6 billion children and adolescents globally were estimated to have one of the four specified disabilities. With age, there was an increase in the prevalence of these disabilities, from 6.1 to 13.9 percent among children aged

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