

**TITLE 1:** "Ask the Doctor"

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**ABSTRACT OVERVIEW:** A reader asks whether there is a connection between RLS and brain surgery and antidepressant Celexa.

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**Q:** Is there any connection between RLS and brain surgery? Is there a connection between RLS and the antidepressant Celexa?

**A:** Any stress to the body, including surgery and gamma knife procedures can make RLS symptoms worse. It is also known that antidepressants, including Celexa and other selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) medications can make RLS worse. The patient should discuss the continued need for Celexa with their doctor as the only way to determine if a drug is worsening RLS is to taper off the drug under a doctor's care.

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