

# STAT: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS TRIGGER GROWTH IN BRAIN IMPLANTS

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Valued at £2.3bn (\$3bn, €2.6bn) in 2016, the global brain implants market has more than doubled its value in just two years. As a new market research report by Grand View Research suggests, the rise of neurological disorders such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, epilepsy and depression are contributing to this demand.

The technological devices, which send small electrical impulses to specific parts of the brain, can help to relieve chronic pain and improve body movement with conditions such as Parkinson's. This growth also suggests that future patients will rely less on drug treatment and more on technological optimisation.

In a [recent interview](#) with sociologist Steve Fuller, we explored society's aversion to taking biological risks to improve the length and quality of life, and how this could affect the equal availability of such technological enhancements in the future.