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The EEG is a recording of the electrical activity in the brain.

It results from the activity of large populations of neurons. There are three ways in which a signal can be measured: 'Action potentials along axons connecting neurones, currents through synaptic clefts connecting axons with neurone, currents along dendrites from the synapse to the soma of neurones' (Hauk 2013). The electrical activity occurs from the cortical neurons in the brain which generate electrical currents. These currents spread to the surface of the scalp where they are detected by the electrodes in the form of voltage changes. An EEG signal can be explained by considering the electrical activity of a solitary pyramidal cell activated by an afferent pathway. The received signal of the synapse allows a change in membrane potential of the postsynaptic membrane as a consequence of the cations rushing into the cell. As this current transmits down the conductive dendron of the neurone, the size of the excitatory postsynaptic potential (EPSP) decreases.

This results in a negative charge in the extracellular space immediately surrounding the synapse. Thus, this creates a dipole with partial charges usually orientated in the cortex. Every neuron that receives somatic inputs can therefore be thought of as a dipole with specific orientation and polarity. Signals cannot be detected from single neurons as the potentials are very small magnitude and on a cellular level are considered quite a distance from cell to scalp surface. The measurable signal detected is the summation of thousands of neurones. (Hauk 2013) These episodes might occur as hyperventilation triggers "typical" seizures and is performed by the child during EEGs. EEGs are measured using the International Federation 10-20 system. In

preparation, 21 silver-silver electrodes are placed at specific anatomical points on the head of the patient.

A differential signal is amplified and sprayed as a channel of EEG activity. Montage is the representation of the EEG channels and there are many types: Bipolar (the difference between two adjacent electrodes), common reference (difference between one electrode and a common electrode) and finally average reference (activity from all electrodes summed and averaged and then used as a reference electrode. (ERS 2016)