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What is CCSVI?

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CCSVI, or Chronic Cerebro-Spinal Venous Insufficiency, is a condition in which the jugular and azygous veins, which drain blood from the brain and spinal cord to the rest of the body, are narrowed, malformed, missing or otherwise blocked. Dr. Paolo Zamboni of the University of Ferrara has conducted extensive multiple sclerosis research that indicates that CCSVI could be one of the causes of MS, and a link to find an effective MS treatment.

People with CCSVI have to develop other ways to drain blood away from the central nervous system to the heart. These alternate blood routes may not be as effective. Blood may drain too slowly and cause swelling, or the blood flow may reverse and go back into the brain. This sluggish or refluxing blood flow results in iron build-up, which, in turn, causes the lesions typically found on the brains and spinal cords of MS patients.

According to the CCSVI-MS theory, treating CCSVI can help treat MS. The endovascular surgery repairs these blockages to improve blood flow between the central nervous system and the heart. Many MS sufferers who underwent the procedure experienced improved movement and mobility, a reduction in brain lesions and an overall better quality of life.

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