

Need more information?

Watch the local tv coverage:

Revolutionary MS Treatment

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/sunday-night/features/article/-/13353337/revolutionary-ms-treatment/>

MS Cure?

<http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/stories/3572695.htm>

View the documentary:

Untangling CCSVI From MS: The Stories, The Science, and The Need for Action

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jikh7O8nr_E

Read the book:

CCSVI as the Cause of Multiple Sclerosis: The Science Behind the Controversial Theory (Marie A. Rhodes)

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0786460385>

Peruse these useful webpages:

www.ccsviaustralia.com.au

A resource summarising the major developments concerning CCSVI in Australia

<http://www.ccsvi.org/>

CCSVI Alliance – our sister organization in the USA. This site contains great information about scientific developments in neurovascular disease.

www.facebook.com/CCSVIAUSTRALIA

A Facebook page dedicated to CCSVI in Australia. We have over 2500 members, and share the latest news about CCSVI. You're welcome to join in the conversation.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CCSVIAustralia>

This is our YouTube channel where we broadcast announcements.

Note - if you search YouTube for "CCSVI" you will find hundreds of "before and after" videos of patients who have been treated for CCSVI.

www.thisisms.com

An independent MS patient forum, providing a voice for patients undergoing all kinds of treatments.

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**Vascular treatment
can relieve many
symptoms of
Multiple Sclerosis**

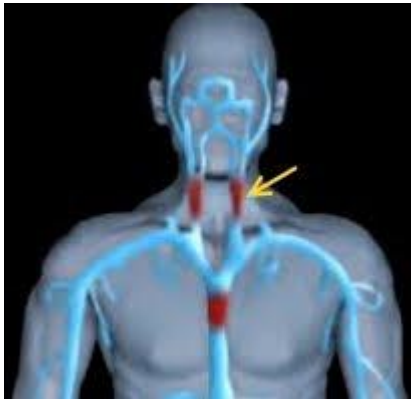
Who are we?

We are a not-for-profit organisation who:

- Provide information about vascular treatment for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and related diseases to patients, doctors and the government.
- Lobby the government to make vascular treatment available to all Australians, regardless of disability.
- Raise funds for further research.

What is CCSVI?

It has been found that many people with MS have blocked internal jugular veins. Many also have a blocked azygos vein (chest vein). The blockage of these critical veins prevents adequate drainage of blood from the brain and spine.



This venous disorder is called Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency (CCSVI).

A growing number of vascular specialists believe that CCSVI contributes to the symptoms of MS. Others believe it causes MS.

How is CCSVI treated?

Vein blockages are usually treated using a procedure called balloon angioplasty (or venoplasty). In this treatment, a small balloon is inserted into the vein by a vascular specialist and inflated to clear the obstruction in the vein. The balloon is then removed. This procedure takes about an hour, and is done under a local anesthetic.

There have been over 600 balloon angioplasty procedures performed for CCSVI in Australia and there are many more performed every day in North America, Europe and the Middle East.

Another treatment for CCSVI involves the use of a prolonged Combined Antibiotic Protocol (CAP) to kill bacteria which may contribute to the formation of vascular abnormalities in some individuals.

Around 200 people with MS have had the CAP treatment for CCSVI in Australia, though many more have had it in Europe over the past decade.

Blood flow improves after successful treatment for CCSVI.

Most patients who have been treated for CCSVI testify to improvements in concentration and memory, vision, fatigue, heat intolerance, muscle spasticity, head and chest pressure, and cold extremities.

Getting Help:

Step 1. Referral to a sonographer

Have your GP provide a referral to a sonographer trained in performing a Doppler Ultrasound scan of the neck veins for CCSVI. This scan will indicate how well your blood flows.

VIC: Jayne Chambers (Sonographer)

Specialist Vein Care

phone: (03) 9561 5155

NSW: Mr Warren Lewis (DMU Vascular)

accepts referrals from Dr Paul Thibault (details below)

Step 2. Referral to a vein specialist

If the Doppler Ultrasound indicates that there is abnormal blood flow from your neck veins, your GP will need to provide a referral to a vein specialist who may arrange a balloon angioplasty or other treatment to improve your blood flow.

VIC: Dr Manfred Spanger (Interventional Radiologist)

The Valley Private hospital

email: spanger@bigpond.net.au

(include name, phone, DOB, medical history & symptoms)

NSW: Dr Paul Thibault (Phlebologist)

Central Vein and Cosmetic Medical Centre

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