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Chiari in the Early 20th Century

Pubmed is the online portal to the US Library of Medicine. If you search Chiari Malformation, more than 4300 references are returned. The earliest one is a case report from 1937:

The patient had always been well until 18 months before admission. At that time he noticed slight unsteadiness of the lower extremities, had difficulty in keeping his balance, and began to stagger on walking. There was a gradual increase in the severity of these symptoms and the progress of the disease during 8 months before admission. Three months before admission he had had bouts of sneezing, and at that time he could not swallow properly, for on several occasions fluid came back through his nose. There had, however, been no recurrence of these symptoms...There was a coarse horizontal nystagmus on looking upward or to the right, while on looking to the left the nystagmus was more rapid and not so coarse.

This person ended up dying after exploratory surgery which did reveal significant tonsillar herniation and arachnoid adhesions.

If you want to read more, the full article here: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1088084/pdf/jn-psychiatry00018-0040.pdf>

SOURCE: *CEREBELLAR SYNDROME IN AN ADULT WITH MALFORMATION OF THE CEREBELLUM AND BRAIN STEM (ARNOLD-CHIARI DEFORMITY), WITH A NOTE ON THE OCCURRENCE OF "TORPEDES" IN THE CEREBELLUM. Aring CD. J Neurol Psychiatry. 1938 Apr;1(2):100-9.*

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