

What's in a Name?



Listed below are different names and acronyms that are, or have been, used in reference to Chiari:

- Chiari Type I/II - The original definition of Chiari.
 - Arnold-Chiari - Some people use this term to refer to all types of Chiari, whereas others reserve Arnold-Chiari to refer to Chiari II associated with Spina Bifida.
 - Tonsillar Herniation - Refers to the cerebellar tonsils protruding through the opening of the foramen magnum.
 - Tonsillar Ectopia - Ectopia means a body part which is out of position, so this term refers to the cerebellar tonsils being out of position.
 - Cerebellar Herniation - Similar to tonsillar herniation, refers to the cerebellum, or part of it, protruding out of the skull.
 - Cerebellar Ectopia -Part of the cerebellum being located out of position.
 - Hindbrain Herniation - Hindbrain refers to the cerebellum and brainstem, so this term is used as a general term which can encompass different types of Chiari.
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- CM - Chiari Malformation
 - CM I - Chiari Malformation Type I
 - CM II - Chiari Malformation Type II
 - ACM - Arnold-Chiari Malformation
 - ACM I - Arnold-Chiari Malformation Type I
 - ACM II - Arnold-Chiari Malformation Type II

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