

HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS INFORMATION

Hydrocephalus is an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) within cavities in the brain called ventricles.

Hydrocephalus occurs when there is an imbalance between the amount of CSF that is produced and the rate at which it is absorbed. As the CSF builds up, it causes the ventricles to enlarge and the pressure inside the head to increase.

Facts about Hydrocephalus:

Over 1,000,000 people in the United States currently live with hydrocephalus.

For every 1,000 babies born in this country, one to two will have hydrocephalus.

Hydrocephalus is the most common reason for brain surgery in children.

It is estimated that more than 700,000 Americans have NPH, but less than 20% receive an appropriate diagnosis.

For more information, please contact your family physician or access information at www.ninds.nih.gov.