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Studies in twins and in children funded as MS societies explore CCSVI link

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The MS Society of Canada and the U.S. National MS Society are funding seven research projects aimed at teasing out whether blocked neck veins — a condition called CCSVI — cause or contribute to the progression of MS.

The projects are:

- A look at whether kids with MS also have blockages in neck veins. This study is being led by Dr. Brenda Banwell, head of the pediatric MS clinic at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.
- An attempt to determine the prevalence of CCSVI in people with and without MS. Family members, especially identical twins of MS patients, will be studied. This work is being headed by Dr. Anthony Traboulsee of the UBC Hospital MS clinic and Dr. Katherine Knox, of the University of Saskatchewan's MS clinic in Saskatoon.
- A study of iron deposits in the brains of people with MS compared to healthy, age-matched volunteers. The aim is to map out normal variation in brain vein anatomy. Dr. Carlos Torres of the Ottawa Hospital is leading this effort.
- A comparison of CCSVI in people with MS, people at risk of MS, healthy volunteers and people with Alzheimer's. This group will also do autopsy studies, looking at neck and spinal cord tissue of MS patients. The principal investigator is Dr. Robert Fox of the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.
- An examination comparing people with MS, with other neurological diseases and healthy volunteers. The aim is to look for linkages between vein abnormalities and different aspects of MS activity and tissue

damage. Dr. Fiona Costello of the Hotchkiss Brain Institute at the University of Calgary is leading this work.

— An attempt to replicate the original findings of Dr. Paolo Zamboni, who came up with the CCSVI theory. Dr. Jerry Wolinsky of the University of Texas Health Science Centre will use the same ultrasound methods as well as testing whether other imaging methods could confirm the ultrasound findings.

— An effort to replicate Zamboni's findings using MRI, magnetic resonance imaging. Dr. Aaron Field of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health heads up this project.

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