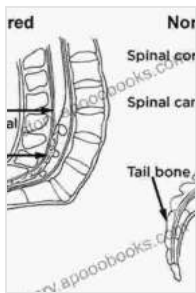


Tethered Cord Syndrome in Children and Adults: A Comprehensive Guide

What is Tethered Cord Syndrome?

Tethered cord syndrome is a serious medical condition that occurs when the spinal cord is abnormally attached to the surrounding tissues. This can prevent the spinal cord from functioning properly, which can lead to a variety of neurological problems. Tethered cord syndrome can affect children and adults, and it is more common in females than males.



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Causes of Tethered Cord Syndrome

The most common cause of tethered cord syndrome is a birth defect. In some cases, the spinal cord is tethered at birth due to a defect in the formation of the spinal column. In other cases, the spinal cord may become tethered later in life due to an injury or infection.

Symptoms of Tethered Cord Syndrome

The symptoms of tethered cord syndrome can vary depending on the severity of the condition. In children, the most common symptoms include:

* Back pain * Leg pain * Weakness or numbness in the legs * Difficulty walking * Scoliosis * Bladder or bowel problems

In adults, the symptoms of tethered cord syndrome can include:

* Back pain * Leg pain * Weakness or numbness in the legs * Difficulty walking * Bladder or bowel problems * Sexual dysfunction * Progressive neurological deterioration

Diagnosis of Tethered Cord Syndrome

Tethered cord syndrome is diagnosed based on a physical examination and a review of the patient's medical history. The doctor may also use imaging tests, such as an MRI or CT scan, to confirm the diagnosis.

Treatment of Tethered Cord Syndrome

The treatment of tethered cord syndrome depends on the severity of the condition. In some cases, surgery may be necessary to release the tethered spinal cord. In other cases, conservative treatment, such as physical therapy or medication, may be sufficient.

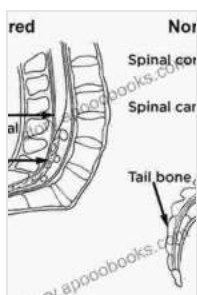
Outlook for Tethered Cord Syndrome

The outlook for tethered cord syndrome varies depending on the severity of the condition. With early diagnosis and treatment, most people with tethered cord syndrome can live full and active lives. However, some

people with severe tethered cord syndrome may experience permanent neurological damage.

Tethered cord syndrome is a serious medical condition that can affect children and adults. The condition is caused by an abnormal attachment of the spinal cord to the surrounding tissues, which can lead to a variety of neurological problems. The symptoms of tethered cord syndrome can vary depending on the severity of the condition, and diagnosis is based on a physical examination and a review of the patient's medical history.

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