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Study links faulty brain blood flow to MS

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PATIENTS with multiple sclerosis (MS) are more than twice as likely to have abnormal blood flow from the brain as healthy people, according to initial results from a trial.

Scientists said they were "cautiously optimistic" about the research, which suggests a link between narrowing of veins in the head and neck and the neurological condition.

More than half of MS patients who took part in the research were found to have narrowing of the extracranial veins, which restricts normal blood flow, compared with less than a quarter of healthy controls.

The results emerged from preliminary data of a clinical study at the University of Buffalo in the United States.

The researchers' theory is that the vascular condition restricts the normal flow of blood from the brain, damaging brain tissue and neurons.

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