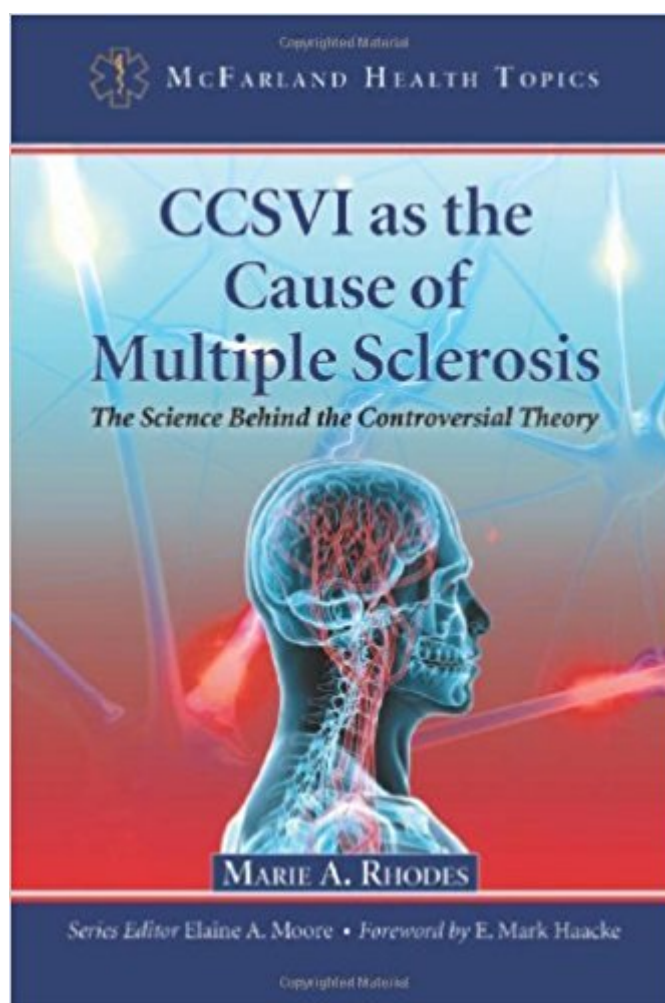


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CCSVI As The Cause Of Multiple Sclerosis: The Science Behind The Controversial Theory (McFarland Health Topics)



Synopsis

Changes are occurring in the multiple sclerosis community. The disease, which has always been considered autoimmune, may be related to vascular problems, in which circulation in the cerebrospinal system is impaired, thereby preventing the proper drainage of venous blood from the brain. This timely book includes a history of MS, an explanation of autoimmunity, and examines the recent research relating to this new theory of MS and how the venous model compares to the standard model of the disease. It also offers practical suggestions for people with MS who wish to seek evaluation and possible treatment under the new model, as well as a chapter detailing experiences of some people who have recently received treatment.

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Customer Reviews

As a layman interested in all kinds of health issues, I found this book one of the best out there in terms of readability and credibility. But beyond that, even though I don't have multiple sclerosis, I felt an incredible sense of hopefulness for the friends and relatives who are suffering. Marie Rhodes did an exemplary job of presenting an unbiased look at the disease and the various treatments that are available, concentrating on the science behind the new procedure that addresses chronic

cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI). Basically, the procedure involves angioplasty to unplug pinched-off veins in the neck or chest, a condition typically found in MS patients--and the results have been astounding, not just "promising." Take the people who regained mobility and even personality just days after the procedure--I wanted to cheer! The procedure is so simple (and well documented for other conditions) that you have to wonder why patient activists have had to do battle to get the procedure for themselves or even to be tested. But things are changing, and the very existence of this book is part of the proof. Anyone with MS or their friends or relatives, must read it right away and make up their own minds. It's loaded with documentation that can be checked out, and the final section tells patients or their advocates how to access the resources they need. My guess is most people who have been diagnosed with MS are already aware of CCSVI, but this book explains everything in detail with lots of helpful phrases such as "This means. . ." and "The reason is that. . ." I never once felt left behind by Rhodes' careful explanations or the graphics that depict obvious principles or changes.

I knew this was going to be an excellent book because I have heard Marie speak in Seattle - it still exceeded my expectations. I have highlighted what spoke to me as the most important tidbits, and I am bringing this book to my next Neurologist appointment. I have seen the benefits of CCSVI treatment first hand. I consider myself an expert because I researched it for a year before I had it done. I have not been articulate in communication with my doctors, and this is going to help. I really like that this book is for patients and doctors. You can get out of it exactly how much detail you are looking for. I have had problems with reading comprehension my entire life, and wasn't sure I would be able to get much out of the book. To my surprise, this is another area that CCSVI treatment has helped - I savored every chapter. The summaries at the end of the chapters are invaluable. Since information on CCSVI is rapidly growing, I hope to see Marie update this book, or perhaps write another. I will buy whatever she writes about CCSVI.

Marie Rhodes does the heavy lifting of analyzing the history and science- such as it is- that has allowed MS researchers to focus so exclusively on the failed autoimmune model of MS. The theory presented by Ms. Rhodes is clearly laid out in plain english that is easy to follow. The second chapter focuses on the immunology and gets quite technical. Then the book returns to the easy-to-follow explanation of how and why CCSVI causes MS. I have read everything I can on CCSVI and MS since Dr. Zamboni published. For me, this book was a revelation, filling in the missing pieces and laying out the larger scientific argument in an approachable manner. This is an

important reference as we begin the journey of discovery for imaging and treatment technology for CCSVI. I have already given one copy to an MS nurse who was eager to get it. Will buy more to spread the good news those I know who are affected by MS and their caregivers. Kudos Ms Rhodes. Well done!

This is an excellent resource for anyone learning about CCSVI but frustrated with having to piece together information from the internet. Detailed explanation how the immune system works on the cellular level, and how venous malformations damage brain cells, causing the immune system clean up the damage. Good chronological history of the MS as a vascular disease, and the peer-reviewed studies that contributed CCSVI theory and current treatments. The book provides a balanced view on the issues that one should look at when considering evaluation or treatment for CCSVI, and includes many helpful resources.

This is so easy to read with medical terms put into simple language and explained. Complications removed with use of common sense. Includes different and/or conflicting sides to each issue, as well as history, for a larger understanding. The science and the professional input is amazing and creates more facts than opinions. CCSVI and MS are mostly mysteries for health, and this book gave me a peace, as well as a piece(s) of mind, where I could not find them. Another example of how people who truly care, provide better and needed information.

Very thorough book, however, I think she stops one step short. There is a cause of CCSVI. Steroids, immune suppressants, toxic metals, vitamin D(without vitamin k2) calcify soft tissues such as valves of veins. Vitamin K2 (green pasture's butter oil) popped open my jugular veins without surgery. People with MS, I highly recommend solving the MS mystery by hal huggins if you have root canals, wisdom tooth extractions, or mercury fillings.

As someone with MS, I was interested in learning more about CCSVI. Yes, this book has that, but it gave me the impression that I bought an in-depth sales brochure. I did not finish this book (yet). I do, however, believe that CCSVI should be studied more thoroughly as it may help with not only MS, but other diseases as well.

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