Neurosarcoidosis

Sarcoidosis is a progressive multi-system disease. It often affects young adults. Neurosarcoidosis refers to the neurological manifestations of sarcoidosis.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms vary widely. They may include:

- Facial palsy.
- Muscle weakness and wasting.
- Numbness in various parts of the body.
- Excessive thirst.
- Fatigue.
- Headache.
- Seizures.
- Lethargy.
- Fever.
- Memory loss.
- Hallucinations.
- Irritability.
- Agitation.
- Depression.
- Loss of taste, and voice.
- Hearing and vision impairments.

TREATMENT

The cause for sarcoidosis is unknown. There is no cure. Corticosteroids or immunosuppressive drugs may relieve symptoms in selected patients.

The prognosis for patients with this disease varies. Most individuals with the disorder respond to treatment and, therefore, fare well. In some cases, the disorder disappears after a few months. In other cases, it progresses slowly but steadily. For a small percentage of individuals, the complications may be fatal.

RESEARCH BEING DONE

The NINDS supports and conducts research on brain disorders, with the goal of finding ways to prevent and treat them.

Research is continually being done to learn more about this problem.

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