Klüver-Bucy Syndrome

Klüver-Bucy syndrome is a rare neurological disorder that causes individuals to put objects in their mouths and engage in inappropriate sexual behavior. Other symptoms may include visual the inability to visually recognize objects (*agnosia*), loss of normal fear and anger responses, memory loss, distractibility, seizures (*convulsions*), and dementia. The disorder may be associated with herpes encephalitis and damage caused by an accident (*trauma*), which can result in brain damage.

TREATMENT

Treatment is symptomatic and supportive, and may include drug therapy.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

There is no cure for Klüver-Bucy syndrome. The disorder is not life-threatening, but the patient can be difficult to manage. With treatment, symptoms may slowly decline.

RESEARCH BEING DONE

NINDS supports and conducts research on neurobehavioral disorders such as Klüver-Bucy syndrome. Much of the research focuses on learning more about these disorders and finding ways to prevent and treat them.

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

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