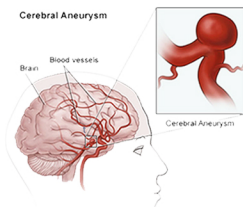


WHAT IS A BRAIN ANEURYSM?

A cerebral aneurysm (also known as an intracranial or intracerebral aneurysm) is an abnormal, weak spot on a blood vessel wall that causes an outward bulging, similar to a bubble.

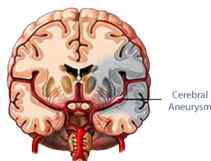
The bulging aneurysm can put pressure on a nerve or surrounding brain, spilling blood into the surrounding tissue (hemorrhage).

Cerebral aneurysms can occur anywhere in the brain, but most are located along a loop of arteries that run between the underside of the brain and the base of the skull.



FACTS:

- Approximately 30,000 people in the US suffer a brain aneurysm each year.
- Every 18 minutes an aneurysm ruptures
- It is estimated that up to 50% of patients die as a direct result of the rupture
- Four out of 7 people who recover from a ruptured aneurysm will have disabilities
- Ten to 15% of patients with a brain aneurysm will harbor more than one
- Intracranial aneurysms occur more frequently in women than men by a ratio of 3:2 and are most often found in ages 35-60
- A person with more than one first degree relative affected by a brain aneurysm has a 17-44% chance of having one as well.



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