Zivadinov’s Update On Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency (CCSVI) In Multiple Sclerosis

Robert Zivadinov, MD, PhD provides a thoughtful update on the current status of chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI) research in multiple sclerosis. Zivadinov predicts the debate about the role of CCSVI will likely continue as more research is conducted to determine the best methods for treating patients who are diagnosed with this condition.

New York, NY (PRWEB) June 11, 2010 -- Masters of Multiple Sclerosis, provider of expert commentary on MS research, examines the current status of research related to chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI) in multiple sclerosis. CCSVI, when the flow of blood in the veins draining the central nervous system is compromised, has generated great interest as a possible cause for the development of multiple sclerosis. Robert Zivadinov, MD, PhD reviews current research initiatives and the possible relationship of CCSVI and the pathogenesis of MS (www.mastersofms.com).

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Procedures to evaluate and treat CCSVI are still in the early research stages. Zivadinov conducted a small pilot study with Dr. Paolo Zamboni’s group in Italy, 16 MS patients with severe documented CCSVI were given intravascular treatment with percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) either immediately or following a 6-month delay. The one-year findings of that study will be presented at the 2010 ECTRIMS meeting in Sweden in October. Additionally, Zivadinov’s group is undertaking a larger placebo-controlled trial in RRMS patients. Larger and better controlled studies are warranted to definitively evaluate the possible impact of CCSVI on MS and determine if an endovascular surgical procedure would be effective.

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