



The Modified Dandy Criteria For Diagnosing IIH

The Modified Dandy Criteria is the official medical criteria used to make a diagnosis of Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH).

The criteria states that a diagnosis of IIH can be made if a person has:

- Signs and symptoms of increased intracranial pressure, such as papilledema, headaches, nausea / vomiting and tinnitus etc.
- No localising neurological defects on a neurological examination.
- Is awake and alert.
- Normal MRI / CT scan findings.
- High intracranial pressure of 20cmH₂O or 25cmH₂O if the person is overweight, this is checked with a Lumbar Puncture (LP) and the Cerebral Spinal Fluid (CSF) has no abnormalities when lab tested.
- No other cause can be found to account for high intracranial pressure.