Lupus Cerebritis

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Synonyms

CNS lupus

Stroke occurs in 5–20% of all patients with systemic lupus. It is treated by the control of systemic lupus and by the use of anti-inflammatory medications such as steroids.

Cross-References

- ▶ [Cerebral Angiitis](#)
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Definition

Lupus cerebritis is an important complication of systemic lupus erythematosus, characterized by cerebral vasculitis or inflammation of the blood vessels in the brain. This may result in stroke or other symptoms including headaches, seizures, psychosis, dementia, or peripheral neuropathy.

References and Readings

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