

# Encephalopathy



**Encephalopathy** is a descriptive term for **global brain dysfunction**. Depending on the cause, it can be a number of disorders with a primary cause in the brain tissue or outside the brain. The disorder itself can be reversible or irreversible, depending on the circumstances.

## Examples:

- Encephalopathy in congenital metabolic disorders, eg. some mitochondrial disorders or glycine encephalopathy
- Hepatic encephalopathy
- Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy
- Encephalopathy in uremic syndrome
- Encephalopathy from eating disorders, toxonutritive encephalopathy (eg. Wernicke's encephalopathy)
- Hypertensive encephalopathy in hypertensive crisis
- Hypertension from chronic trauma (so-called **boxer's dementia**)
- Spongiform encephalopathy (prion diseases)

## Links

### Related articles

- Metabolic and toxic encephalopathies and neuropathies
- Rey's syndrome
- Hepatic encephalopathy
- Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy
- Uremic syndrome
- Wernicke's encephalopathy
- Hypertensive crisis
- Prion diseases