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CAA FACT SHEET

Q. What is CAA?

A. Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy (CAA) is a neurological condition that causes proteins called amyloid to build-up in the walls of blood vessels in the brain.

Q. What causes CAA?

A. The cause(s) of CAA are unknown. The major risk factor is increasing age. It is most common in people ages 65 and older but can also be seen in people younger than 65 years of age.

Q. What are the symptoms of CAA?

A. There is a wide range of symptoms that people with CAA can experience. Some people experience almost no symptoms, while others have a stroke, develop memory problems, or experience difficulty with walking and balance.

Q. If a family member has CAA, will I get it too?

A. Probably not. There are some families (primarily from the Netherlands) that inherit CAA genetically but most CAA patients do not have any affected family members.

Q. Is there treatment or a cure for CAA?

A. No, unfortunately there is no known cure for CAA. While some steps can be taken – such as keeping blood pressure under control and monitoring the risks vs. benefits of using blood thinning medication – there is not yet an effective treatment for CAA.

Q. Where can I learn more about CAA?

A. On our website and Facebook page!

<http://angiopathy.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/CerebralAmyloidAngiopathy>

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