

LEAK FACT #1



RESEARCH SHOWS THAT AT LEAST
5 in 100,000
PEOPLE EACH YEAR ARE AFFECTED
BY SPONTANEOUS SPINAL CSF LEAKS

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Cerebrospinal fluid leaks are not rare!
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LEAK FACT #2



ON AVERAGE CORRECT DIAGNOSIS TAKES
13 MONTHS
FROM THE ONSET OF SPINAL CSF LEAK SYMPTOMS

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LEAK FACT #3



NOT ALL PATIENTS WITH SPONTANEOUS
INTRACRANIAL HYPOTENSION HAVE
**LOW OPENING
PRESSURE**

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SOME PATIENTS REQUIRE A
SINGLE BLOOD PATCH TO SEAL A
LEAK WHILST OTHERS REQUIRE
MULTIPLE PATCHES

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LEAK FACT #5



STUDIES SHOW THAT CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDERS SUCH AS
EHLERS-DANLOS AND MARFAN
ARE COMMON AMONGST
**SPONTANEOUS SPINAL
CSF LEAK SUFFERERS**

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LEAK FACT #6



5 IN 100,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR ARE AFFECTED
BY SPONTANEOUS SPINAL CSF LEAKS,
THIS IS **1 IN 20,000** PEOPLE
WHICH IS 2 PEOPLE IN A TOWN IN ENGLAND THE SIZE OF:
**CASTLEFORD
BRAINTREE
RAMSGATE**

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LEAK FACT #7



5 IN 100,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR ARE AFFECTED
BY SPONTANEOUS SPINAL CSF LEAKS,
THIS IS **1 IN 20,000** PEOPLE
WHICH IS 2 PEOPLE IN A TOWN IN SCOTLAND THE SIZE OF:
**GLENROTHES
COATBRIDGE
AIRDRIE**

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5 IN 100,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR ARE AFFECTED
BY SPONTANEOUS SPINAL CSF LEAKS,
THIS IS **1 IN 20,000** PEOPLE
WHICH IS 2 PEOPLE IN A TOWN IN WALES THE SIZE OF:
**CAERPHILLY
MERTHYR TYDFIL
LLANELLI**

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LEAK FACT #9



THE AVERAGE AGE TO HAVE A CSF LEAK IS
46 YEARS*

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LEAK FACT #10



MORE WOMEN THAN MEN HAVE A CSF LEAK
**65.7% OF WOMEN
34.3% OF MEN***

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LEAK FACT #11



Spinal CSF leaks
**reoccur in
10% of people***

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LEAK FACT #12



The location of a spinal CSF leak is
**undetectable in
50% of patients***

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