

Hydrocephalus Clinic
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VGH Hydrocephalus Clinic Triage Guide

All patients referred to VGH Adult Hydrocephalus Clinic should have the following 3 criteria, please fax all documents below to us:

1. CT or MRI brain, done within the last 12 months, that shows the following:
 - a. Enlarged ventricles consistent with hydrocephalus, either communicating or obstructive OR,
 - b. Any lesion (i.e. tumor, cyst, colloid cyst, etc.) within the ventricular system of the brain (i.e. Within or adjacent to the lateral, third and/or fourth ventricle OR,
 - c. Any patient that has a “shunt” within their brain (i.e. ventriculoperitoneal, ventriculopleural or ventriculoatrial shunt).
2. History and physical, including a neurological examination done by one of the following specialists:
 - a. Neurosurgeon
 - b. Neurologist
 - c. Geriatrician
 - d. Internal medical specialist
 - e. Psychiatrist/ rehabilitation specialist
 - f. General Practitioner
 - g. Emergency and Family Physicians
 - h. Nurse Practitioner
3. List of current medications, including any use of:
 - a. Aspirin
 - b. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications (NSAIDs, i.e., Advil, Aleve, etc.)
 - c. Blood thinning agents (i.e. Coumadin, Warfarin, Rivaroxaban)

The waitlist for the Adult Hydrocephalus clinic is 12-18 months.

Thank you,
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