

IDROCEFALO NORMOTESO  
UNA DEMENZA CURABILE  
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L'idrocefalo

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- Algunas observaciones sobre la presion del L.C.R. Sindrome hidrocefalico en el adulto con “presion normal” del L.C.R. Hakim S. *Universidad Javeriana, Tesis 957. Bogota, Colombia, S.A., 1964.* Also available in english as: Some observations on CSF pressure. Hydrocephalic Syndrome in adults with “normal” CSF pressure. (*Recognition of a new syndrome*)
- The special clinical problem of symptomatic hydrocephalus with normal cerebrospinal fluid pressure: observations on cerebrospinal fluid hydrodynamics. Hakim S and Adams RD *J Neurol Sci* 2:307-327, 1965.

## Quadro clinico

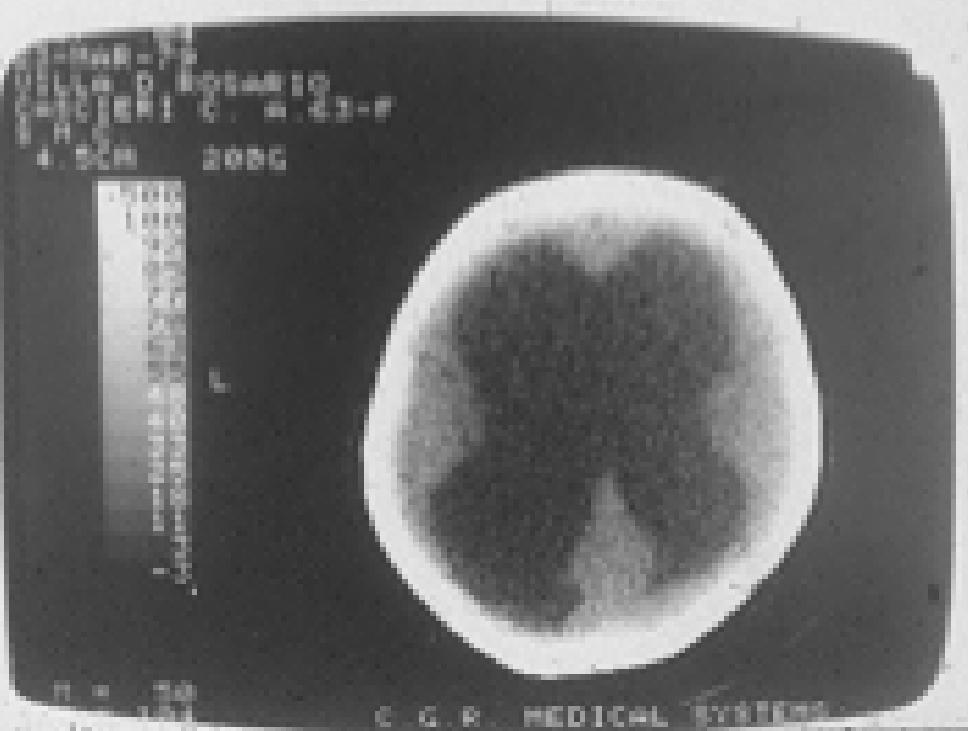
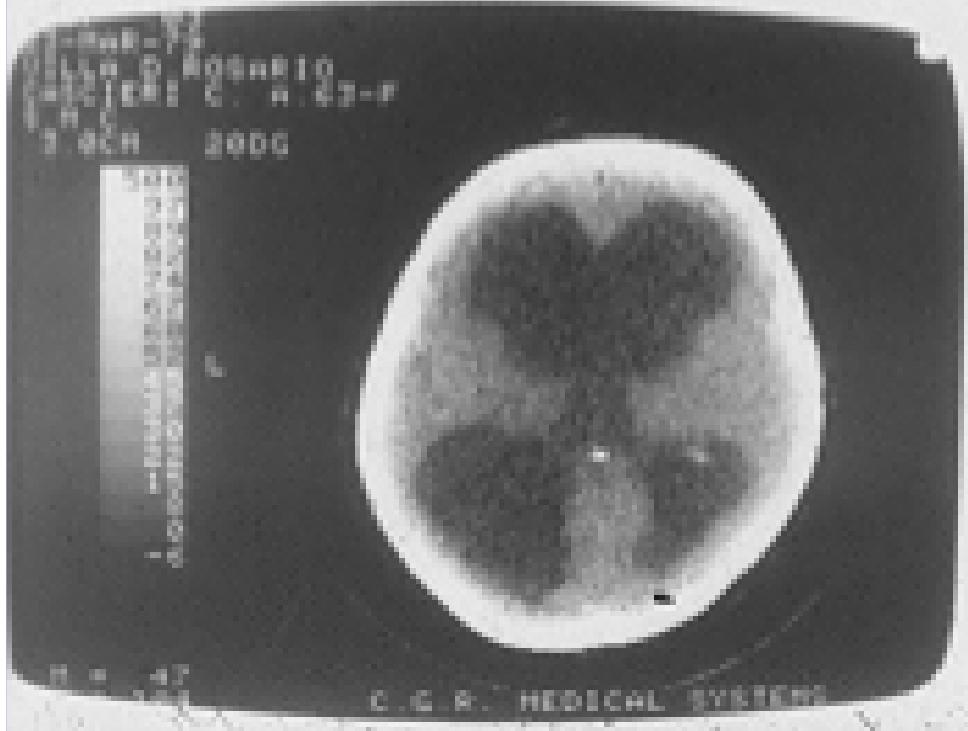
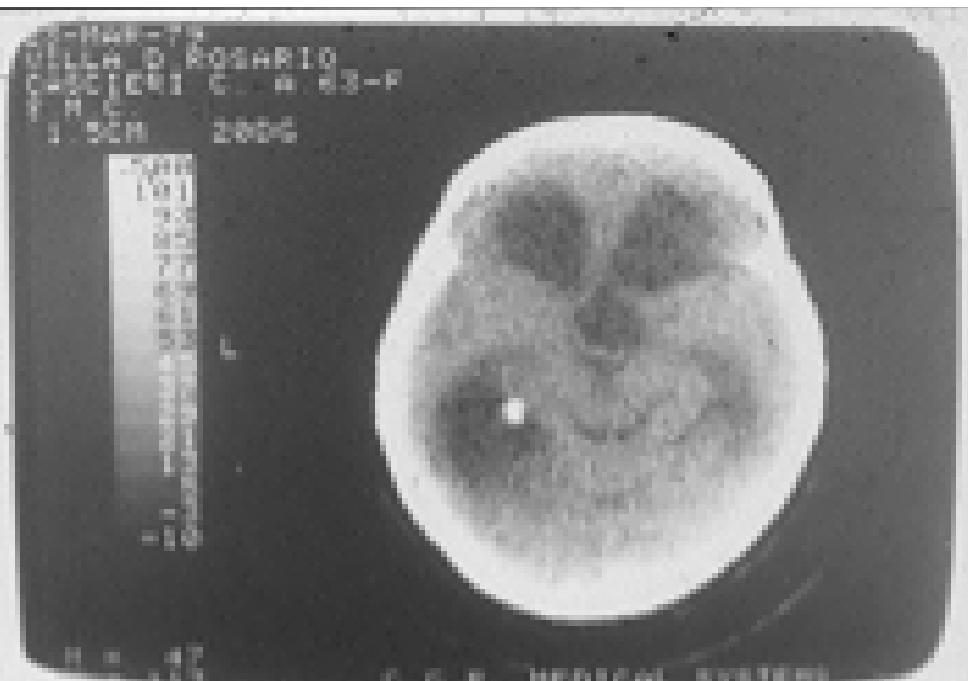
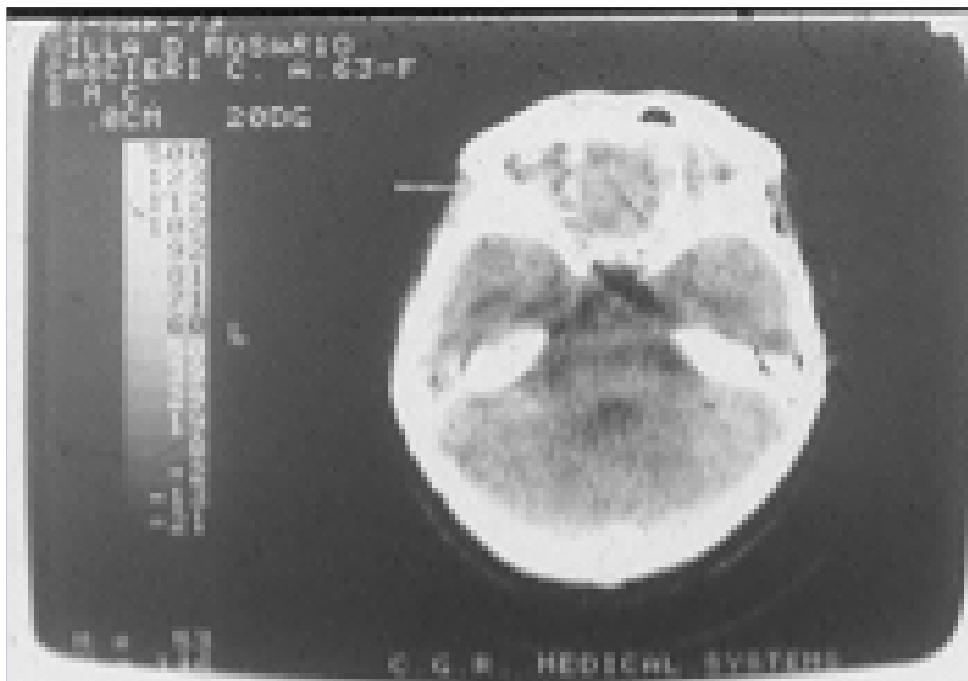
- *Disturbi della marcia*
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“*Triade di Hakim e Adams*”

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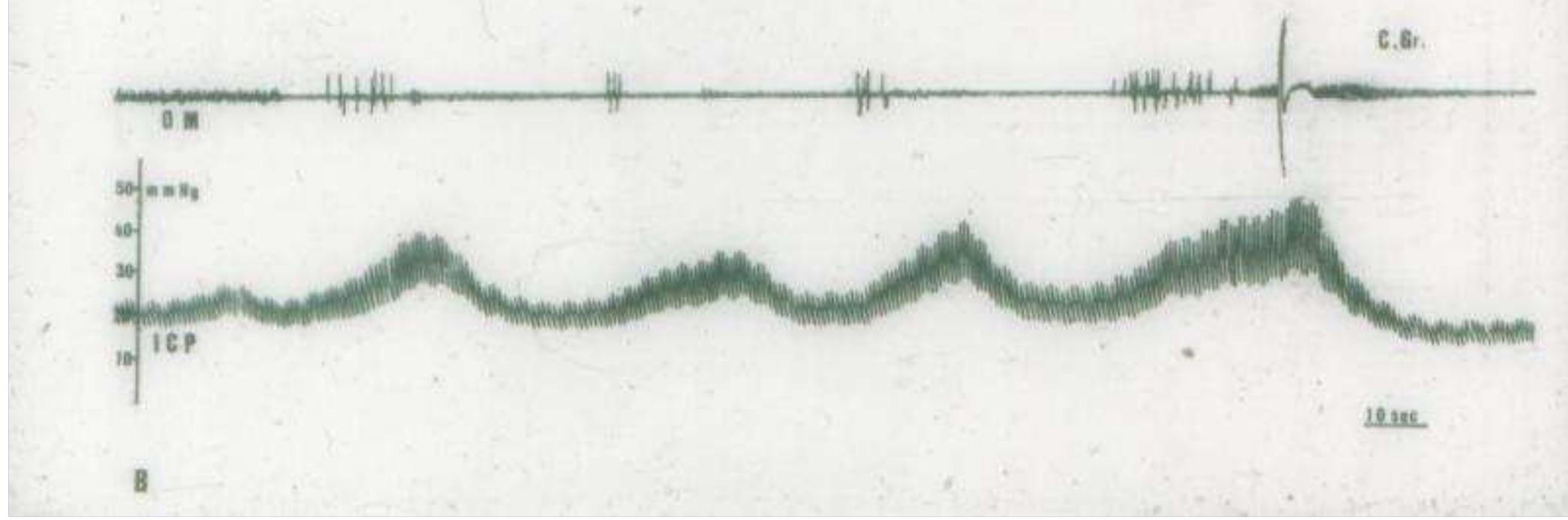
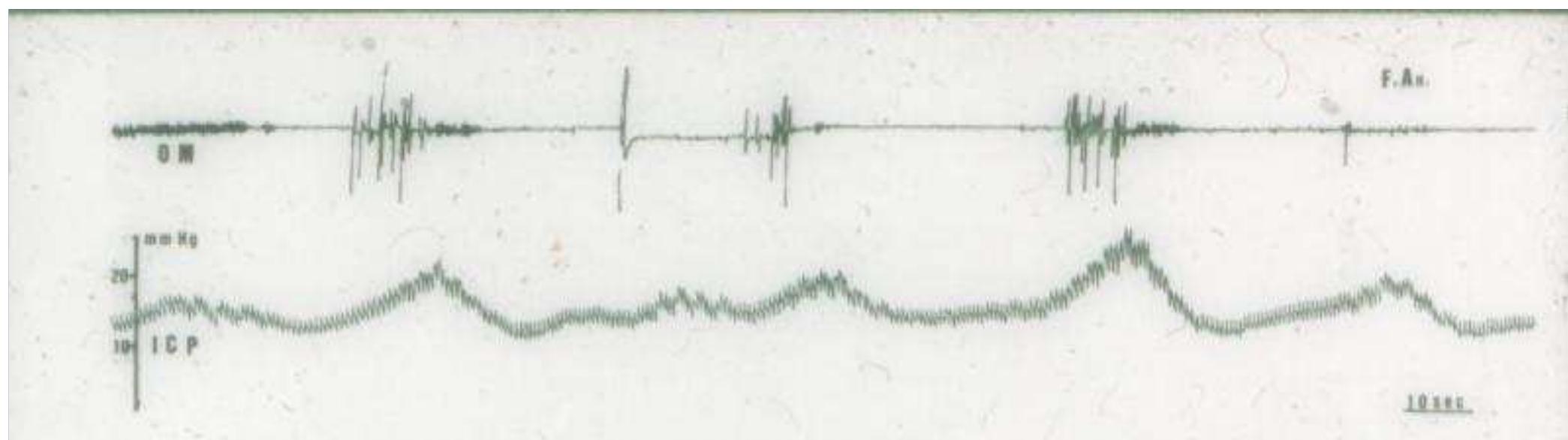
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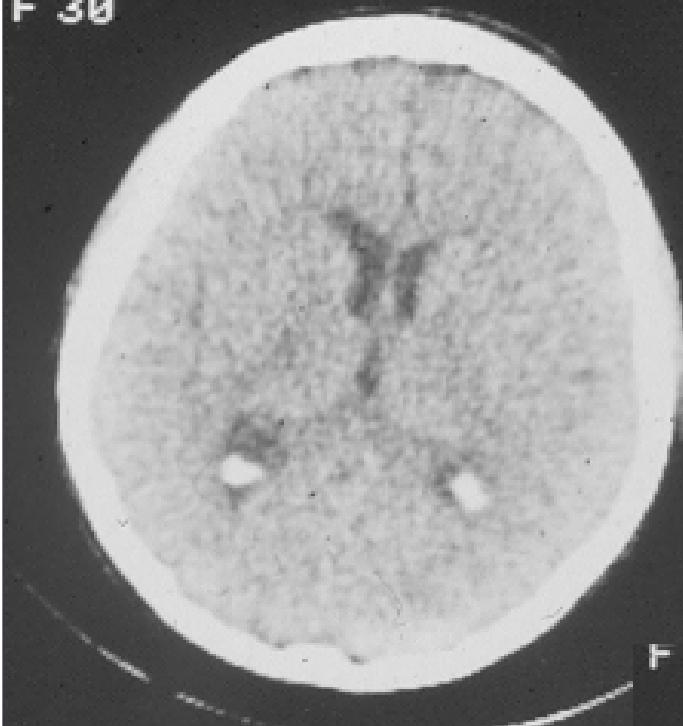


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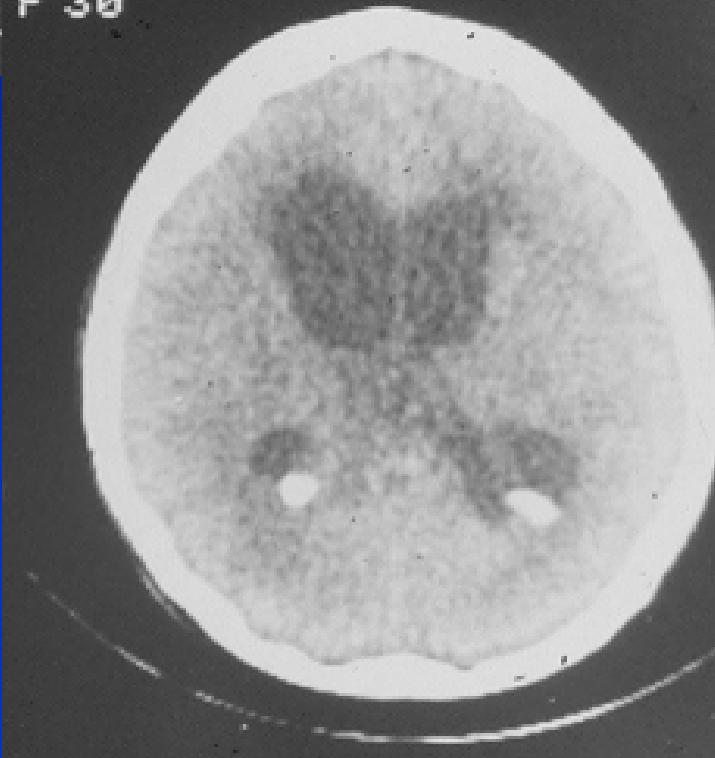
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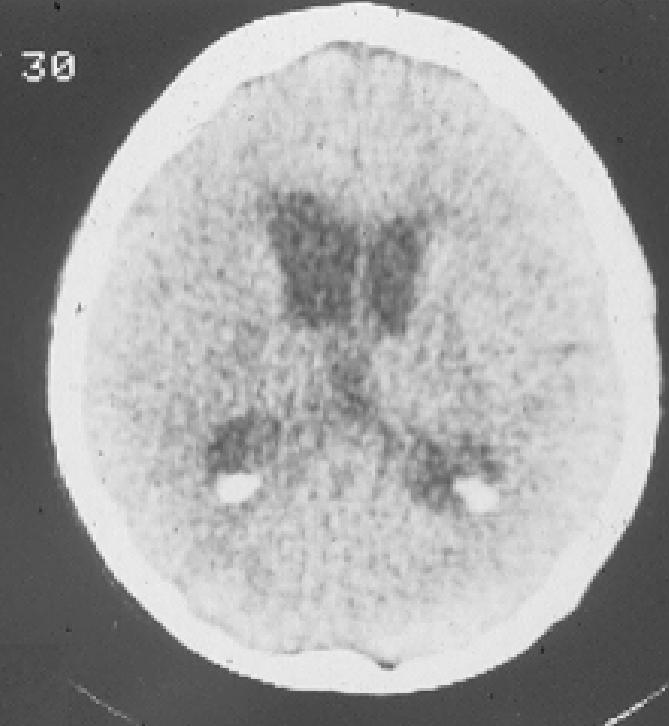
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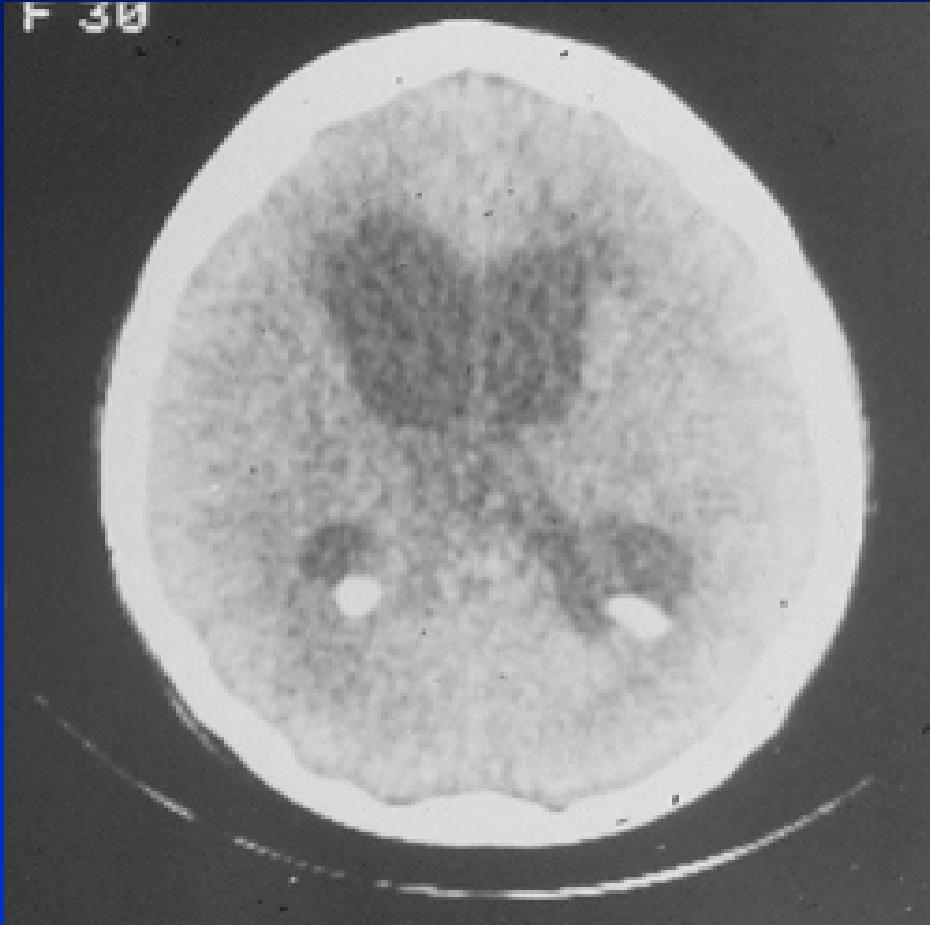


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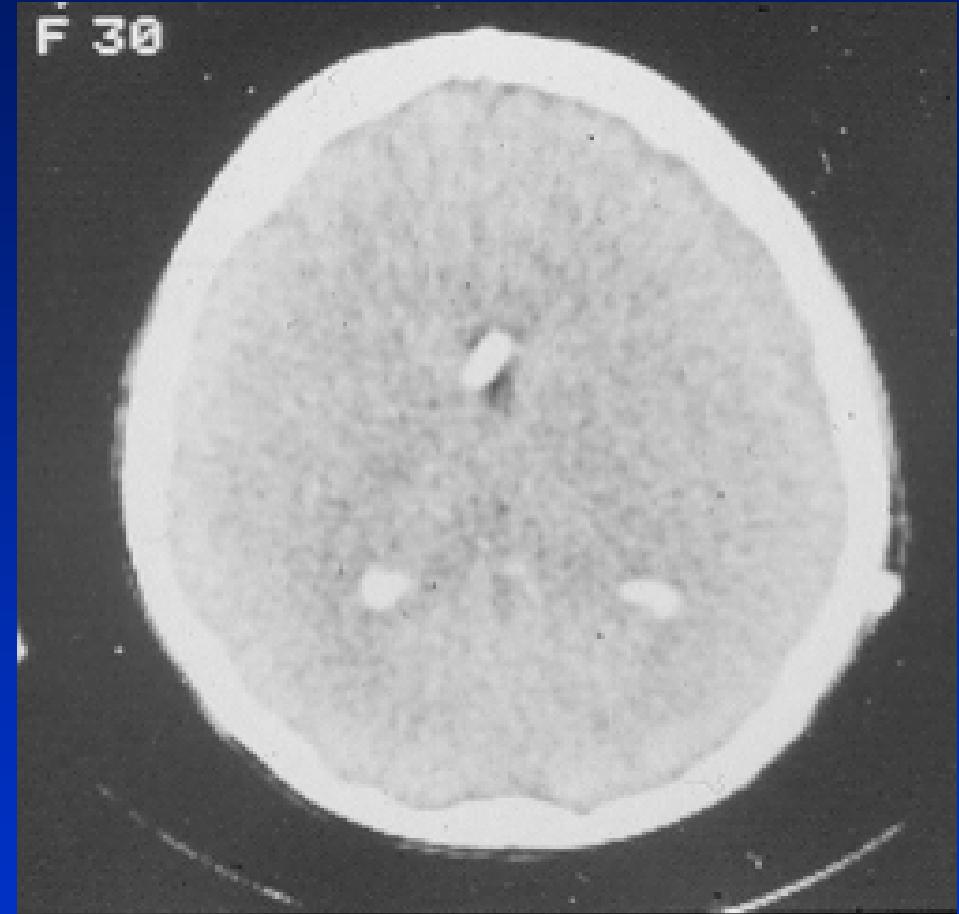
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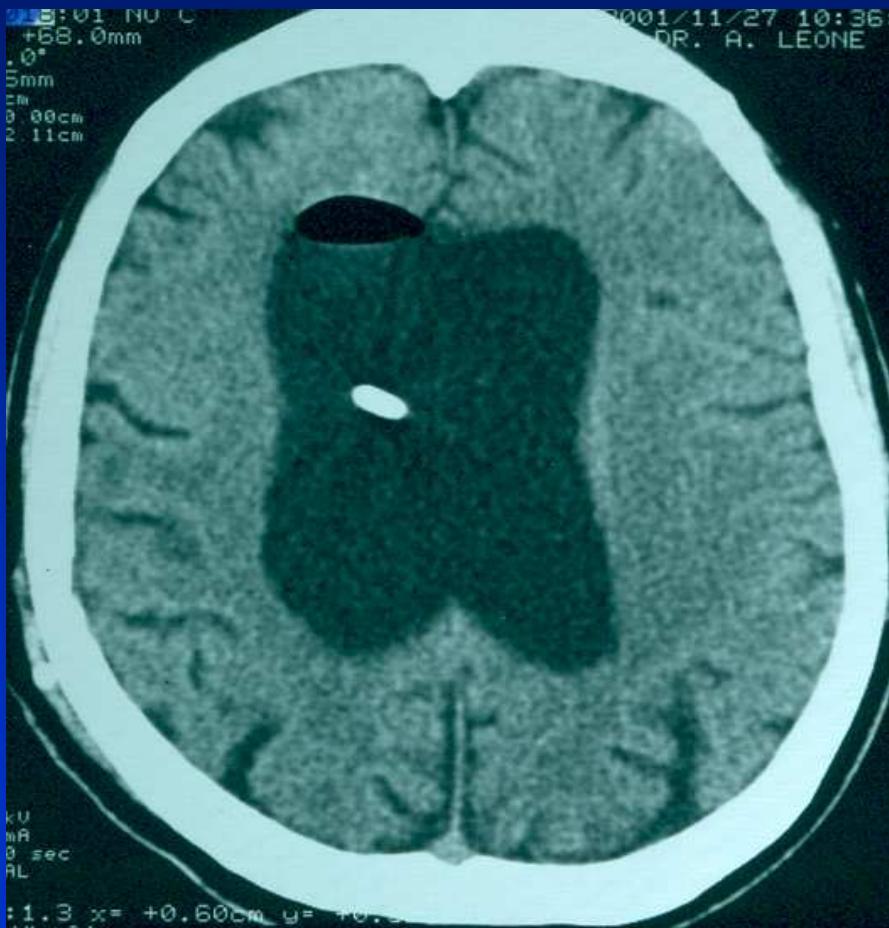
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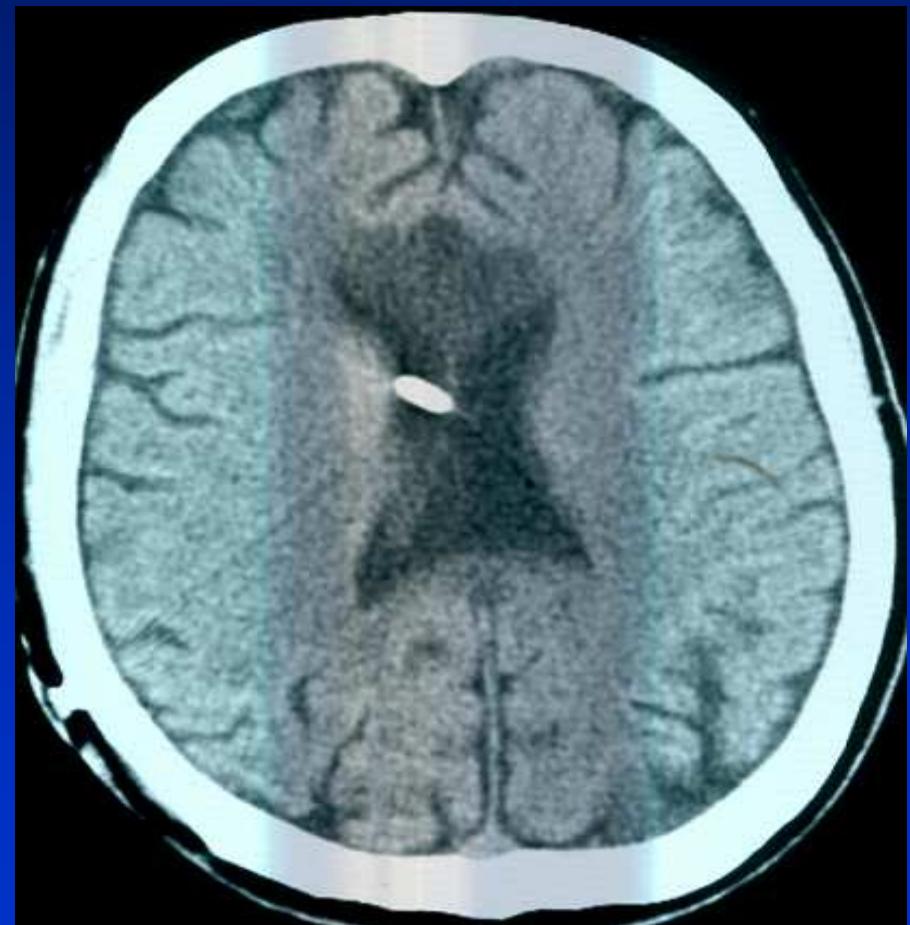
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# Diagnostica strumentale nell'Idrocefalo Normoteso

- Criterio “*ex adjuvantibus*”
- Diagnostica fisiopatologica



- Valutazione predittiva
- Efficacia terapeutica

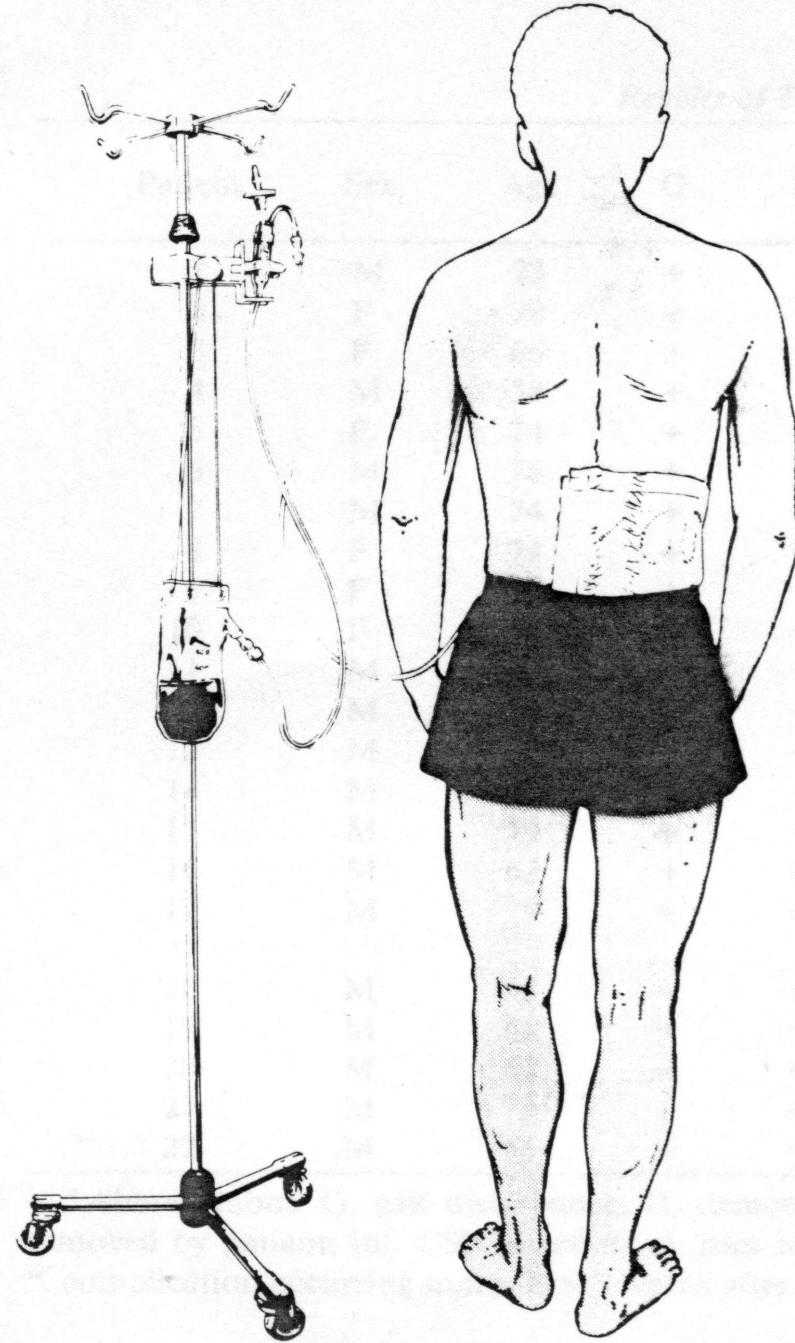
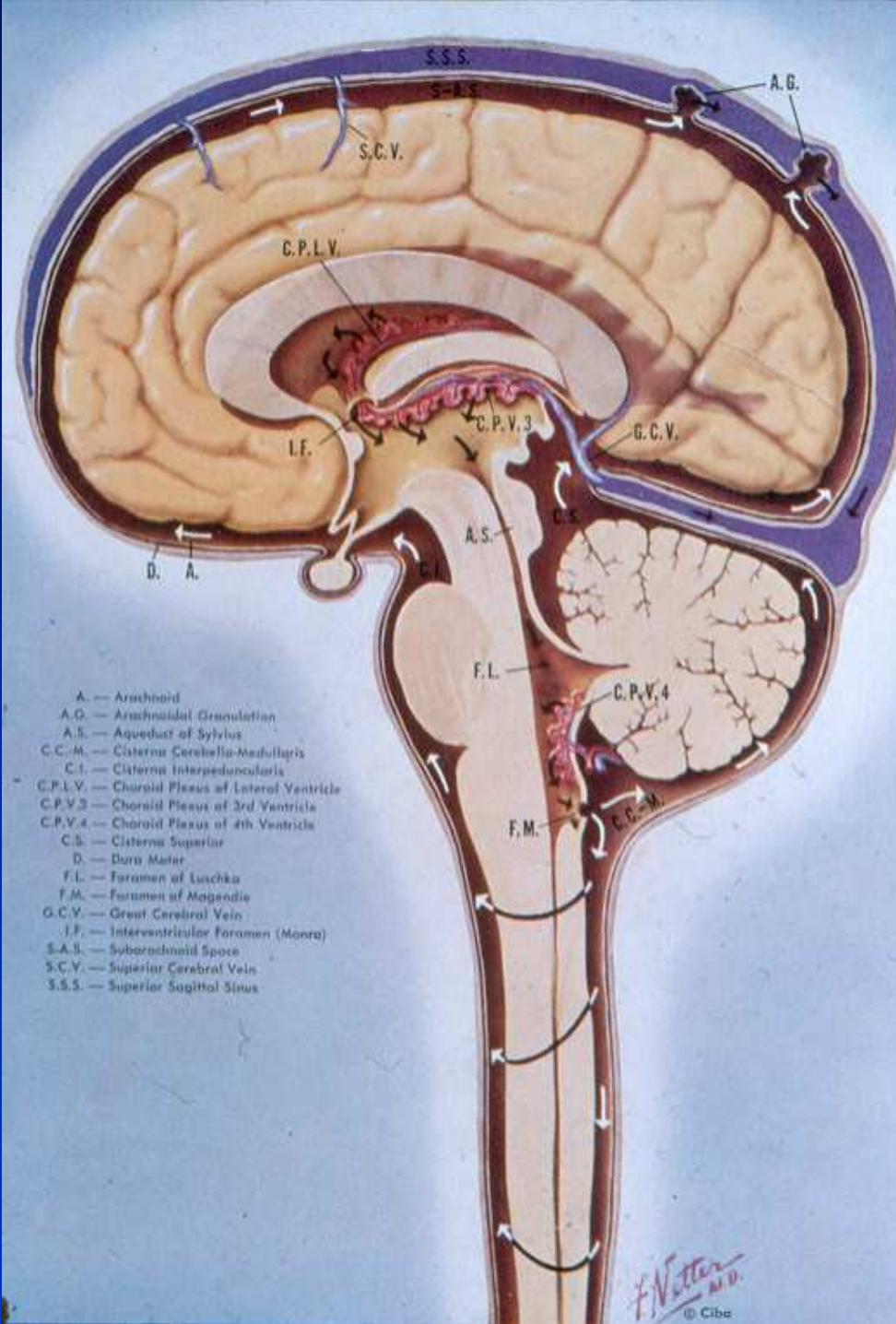


FIG. 2. A patient with an ELD system.



# **CSF Outflow Resistance calculation**

**Plateau Diastolic ICP – Basal Diastolic ICP**

$$\text{R-out: } \frac{\text{Plateau Diastolic ICP} - \text{Basal Diastolic ICP}}{\text{Infusion rate}}$$

*Normal values ranging from 8 to 12  
mmHg/ml/min*

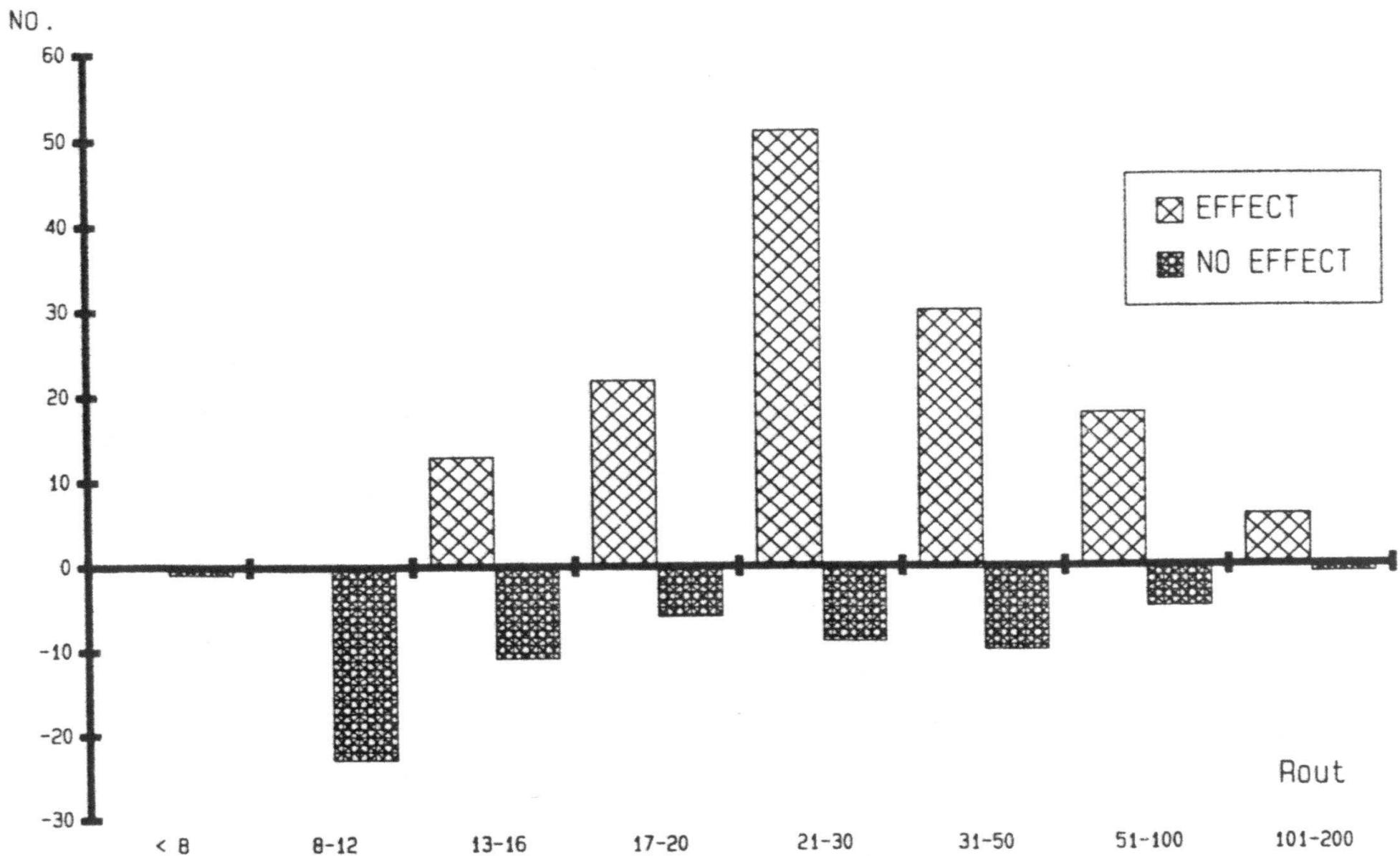


Fig. 15. Effect of shunting correlated to  $R_{out}$  in patients with NPH

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# Selection of patients with idiopathic normal-pressure hydrocephalus for shunt placement: a single-institution experience

Clinical article

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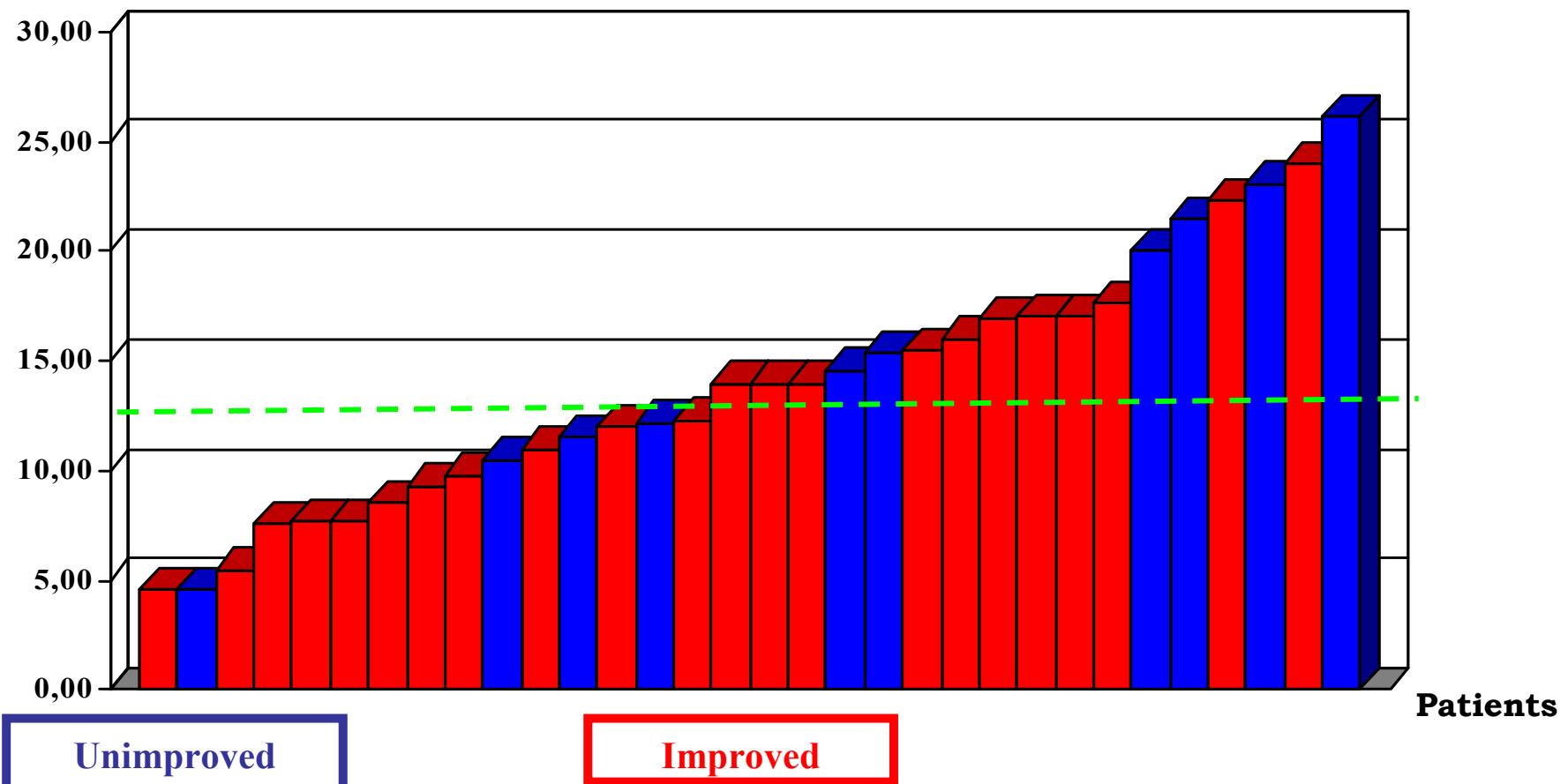
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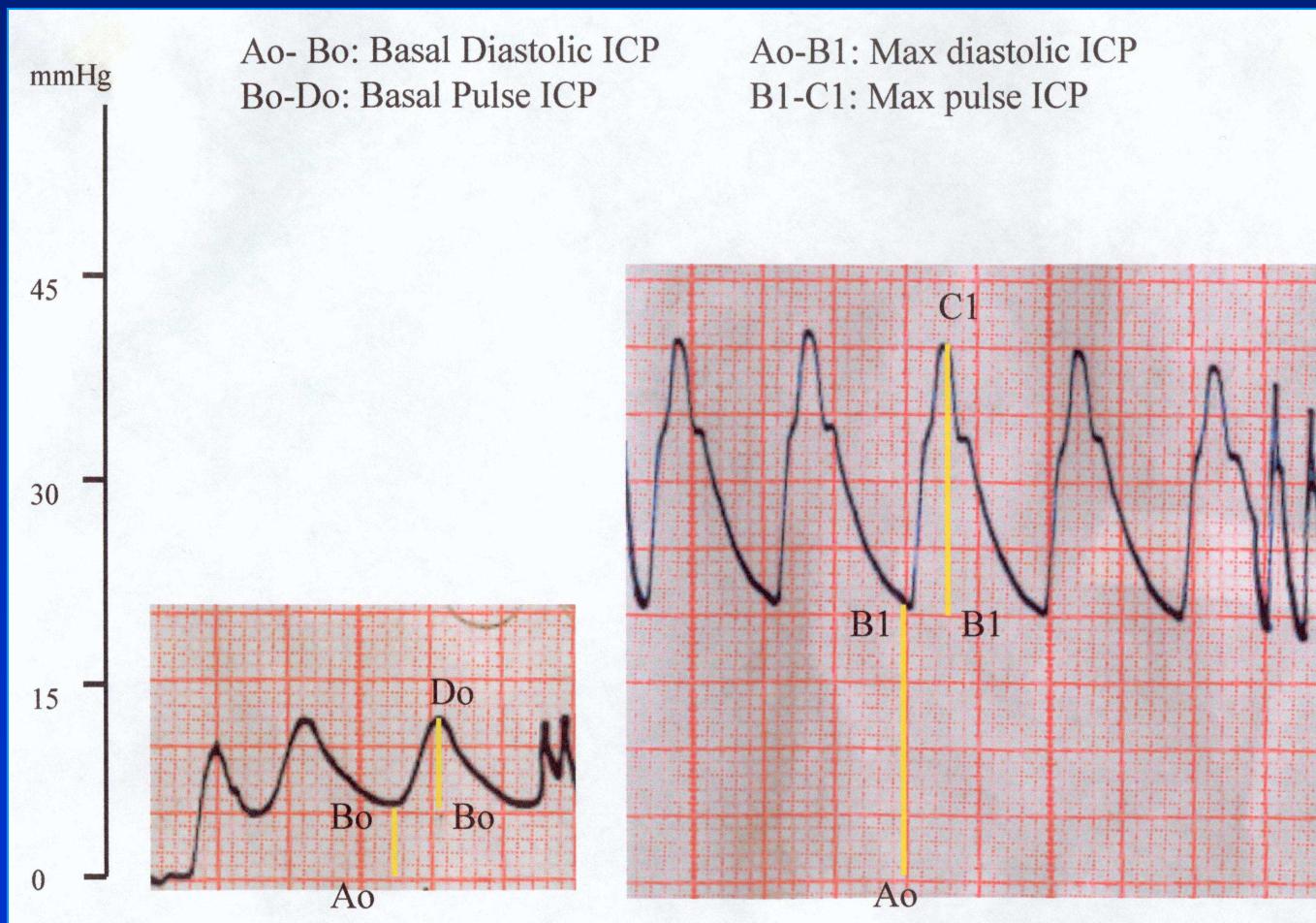
# Infusion test

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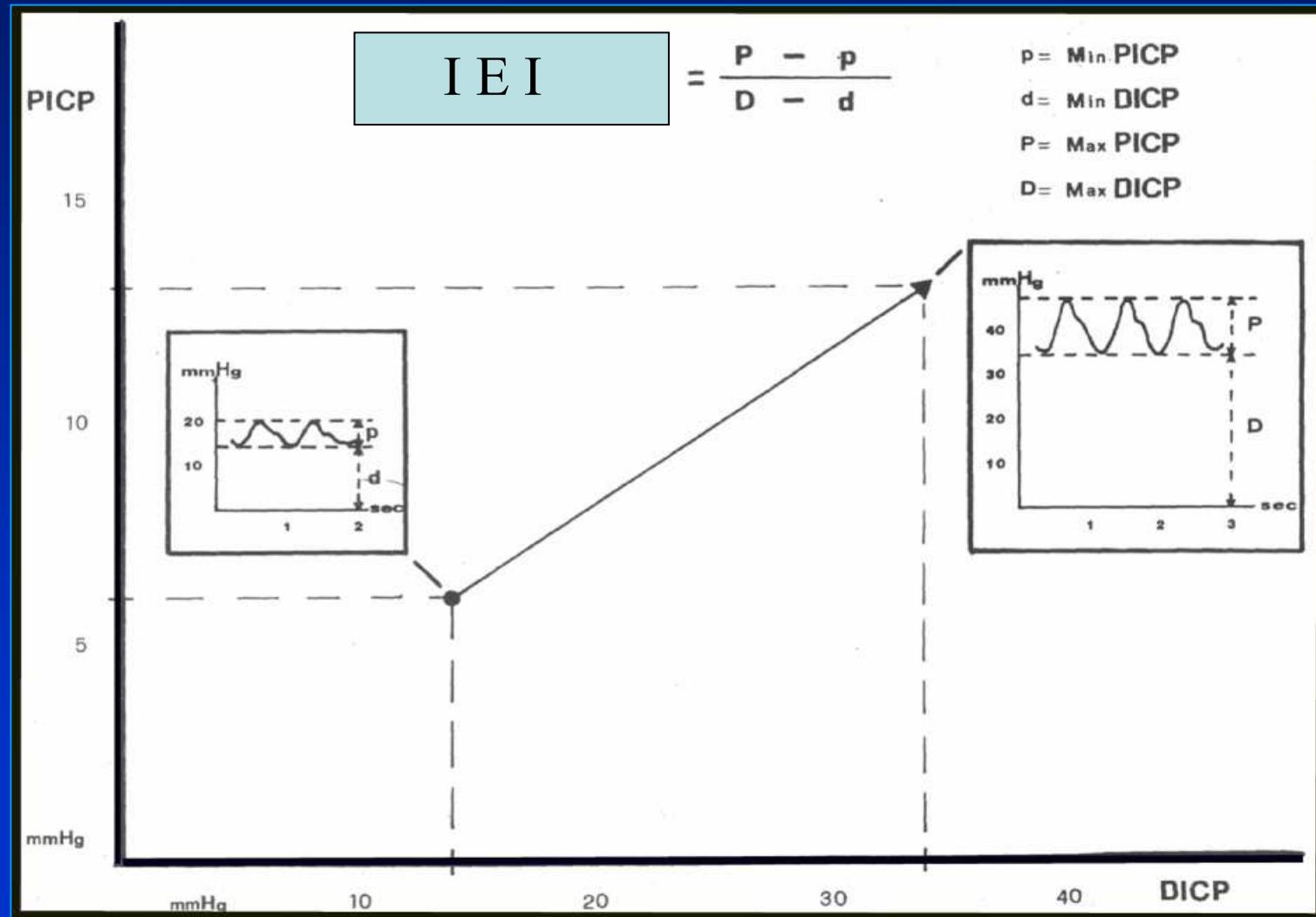
### CSF Outflow Resistance



# CSF pulse wave analysis



# Intracranial elastance index



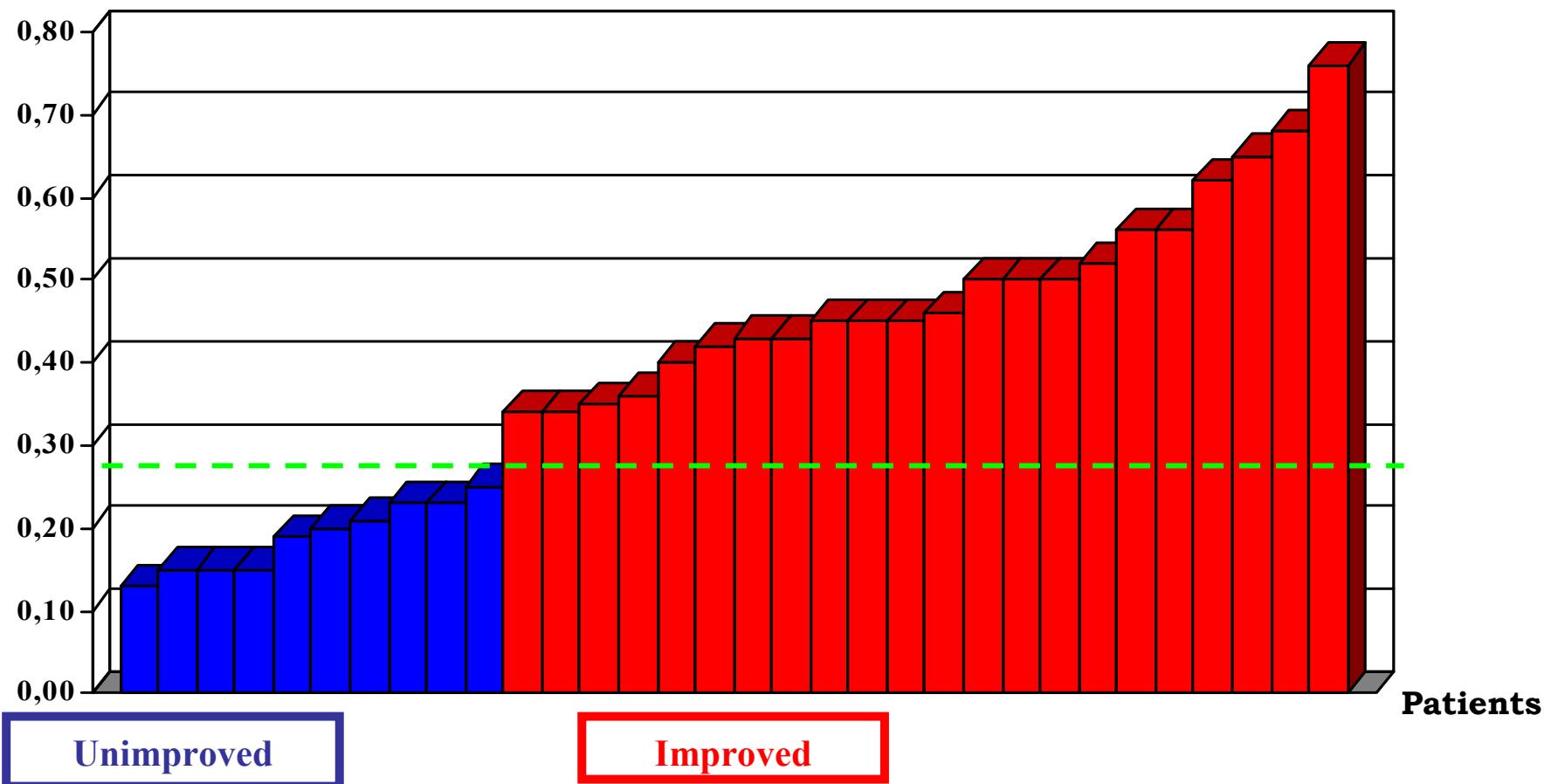
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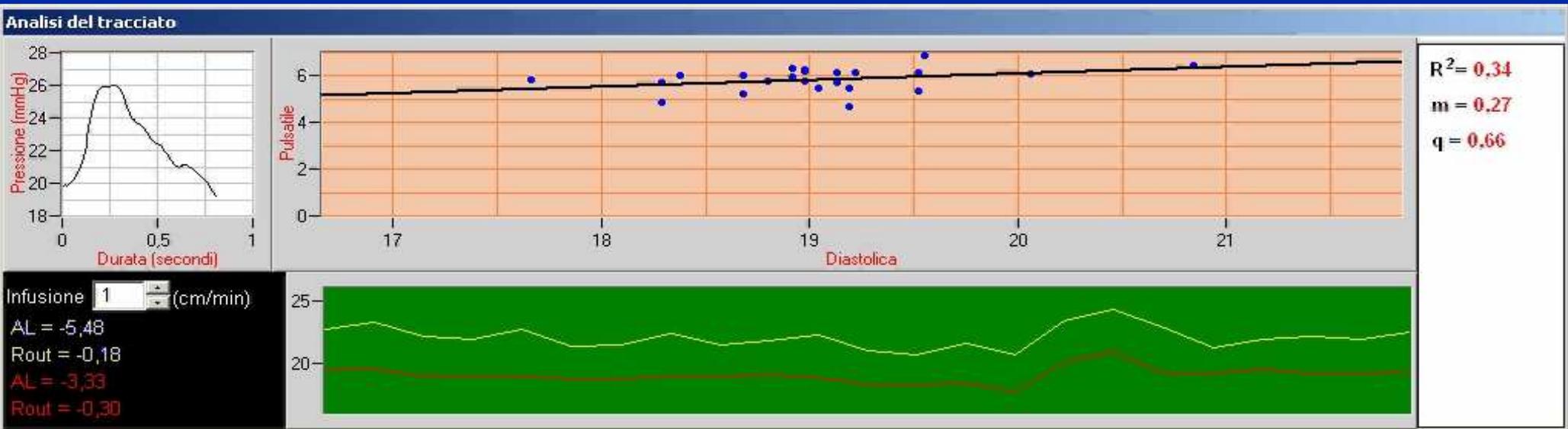
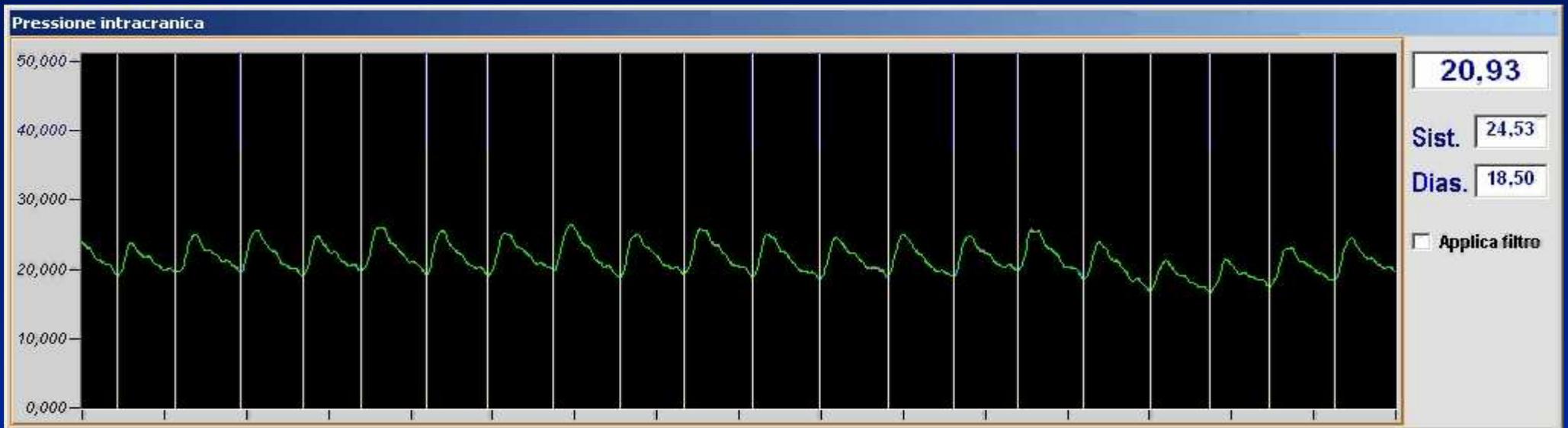
$$\text{IEI: } \frac{\text{Max Pulse ICP} - \text{Basal Pulse ICP}}{\text{Max Diastolic ICP} - \text{Basal Diastolic ICP}}$$

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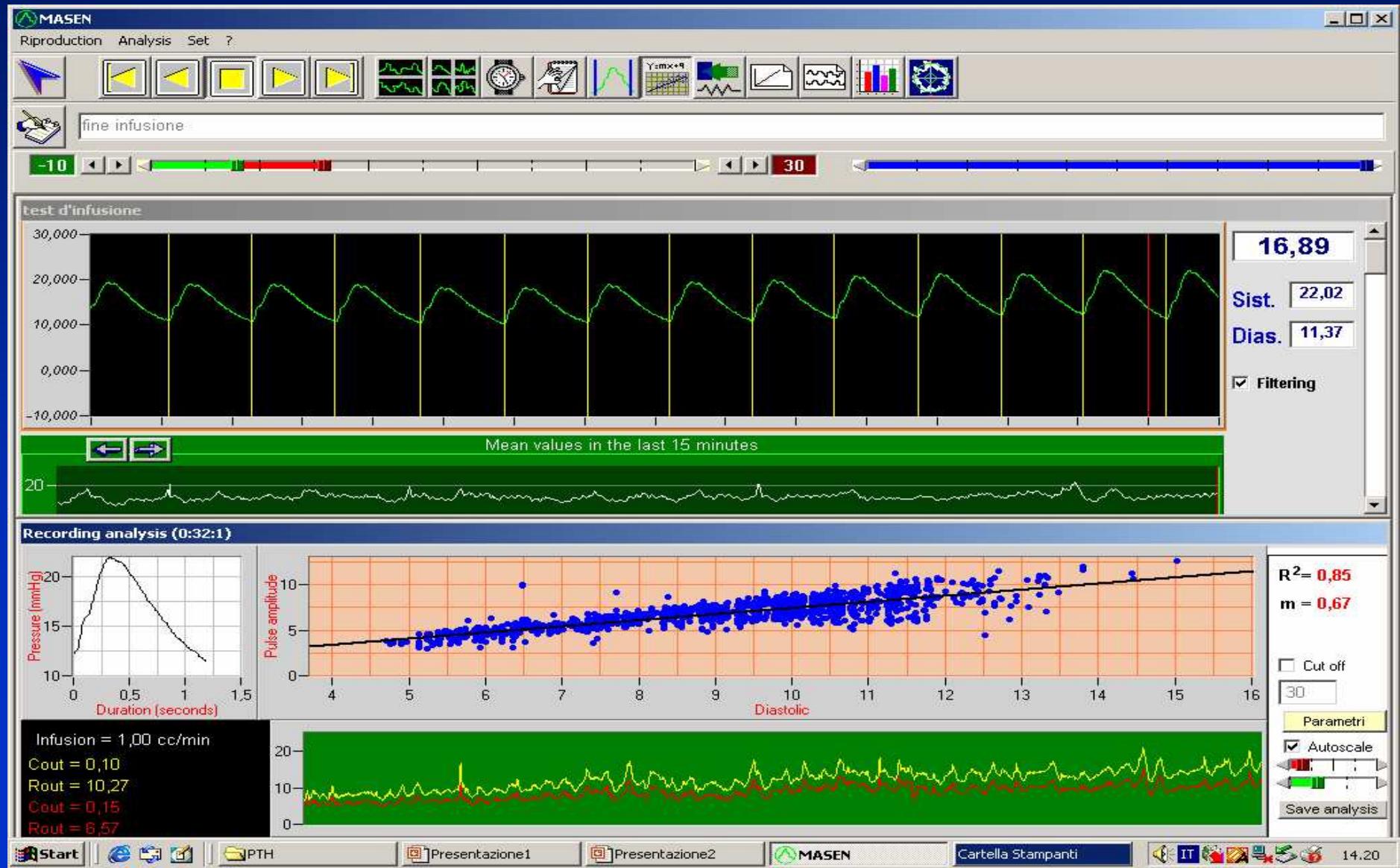
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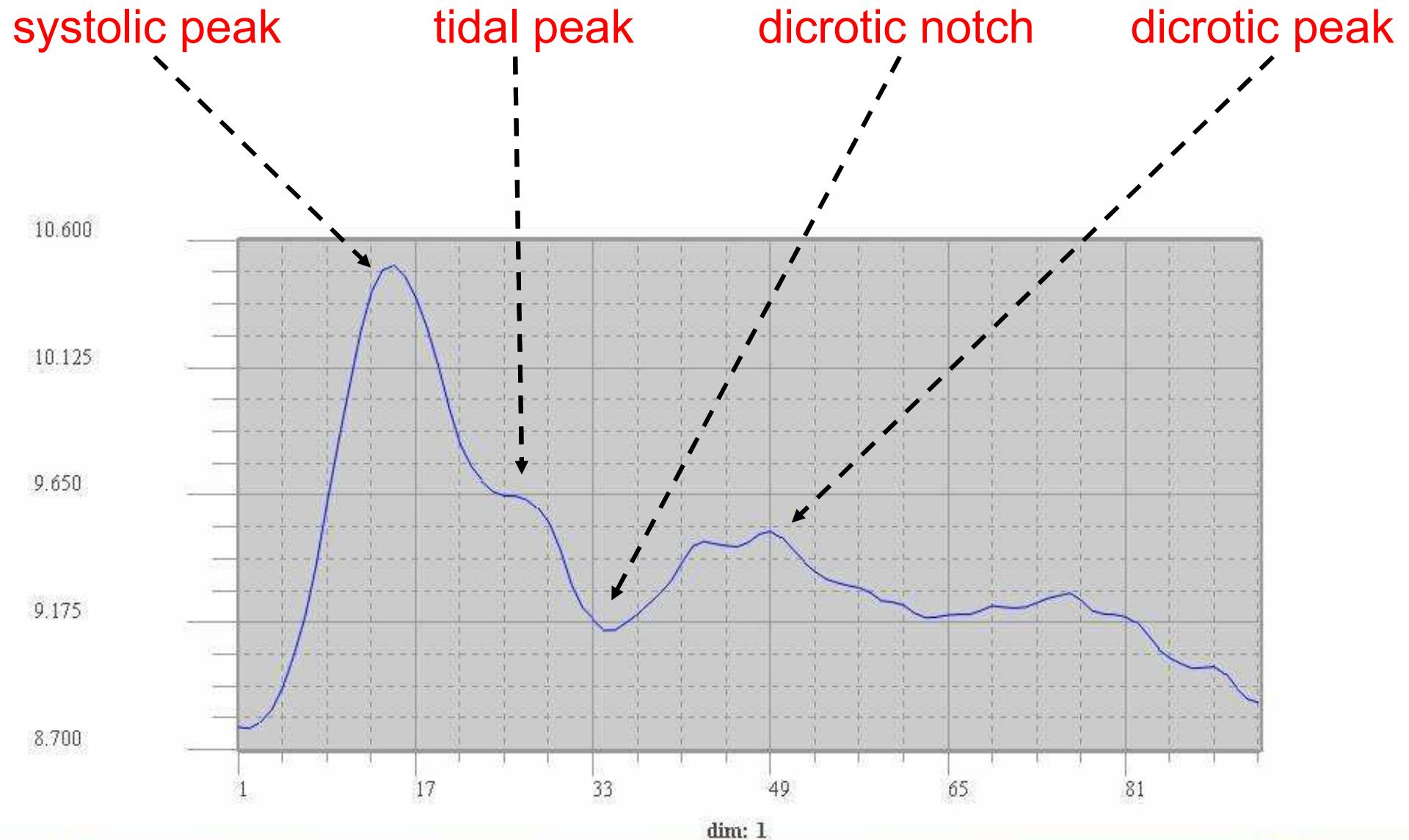




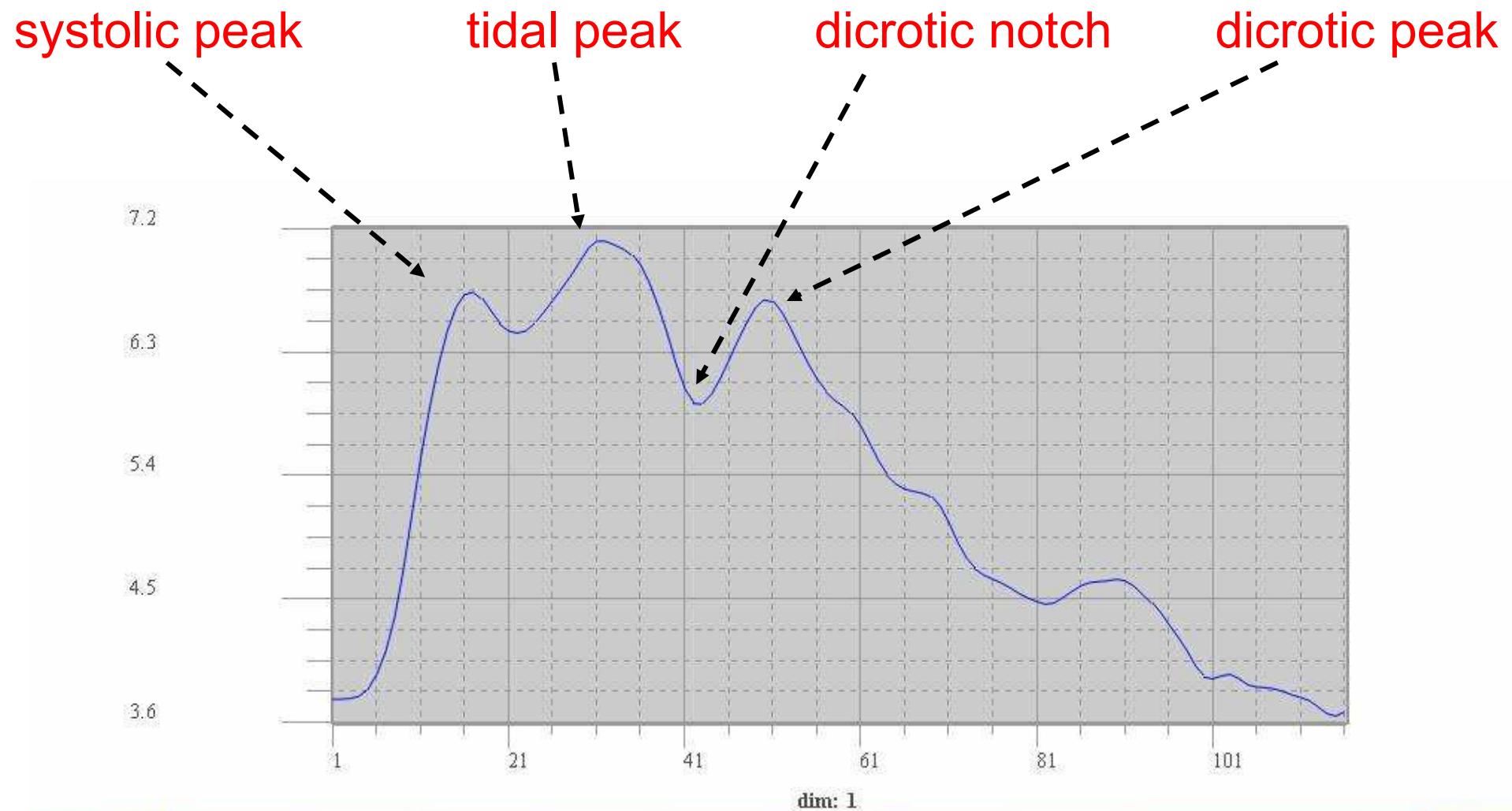
# Selection of Patients: our approach



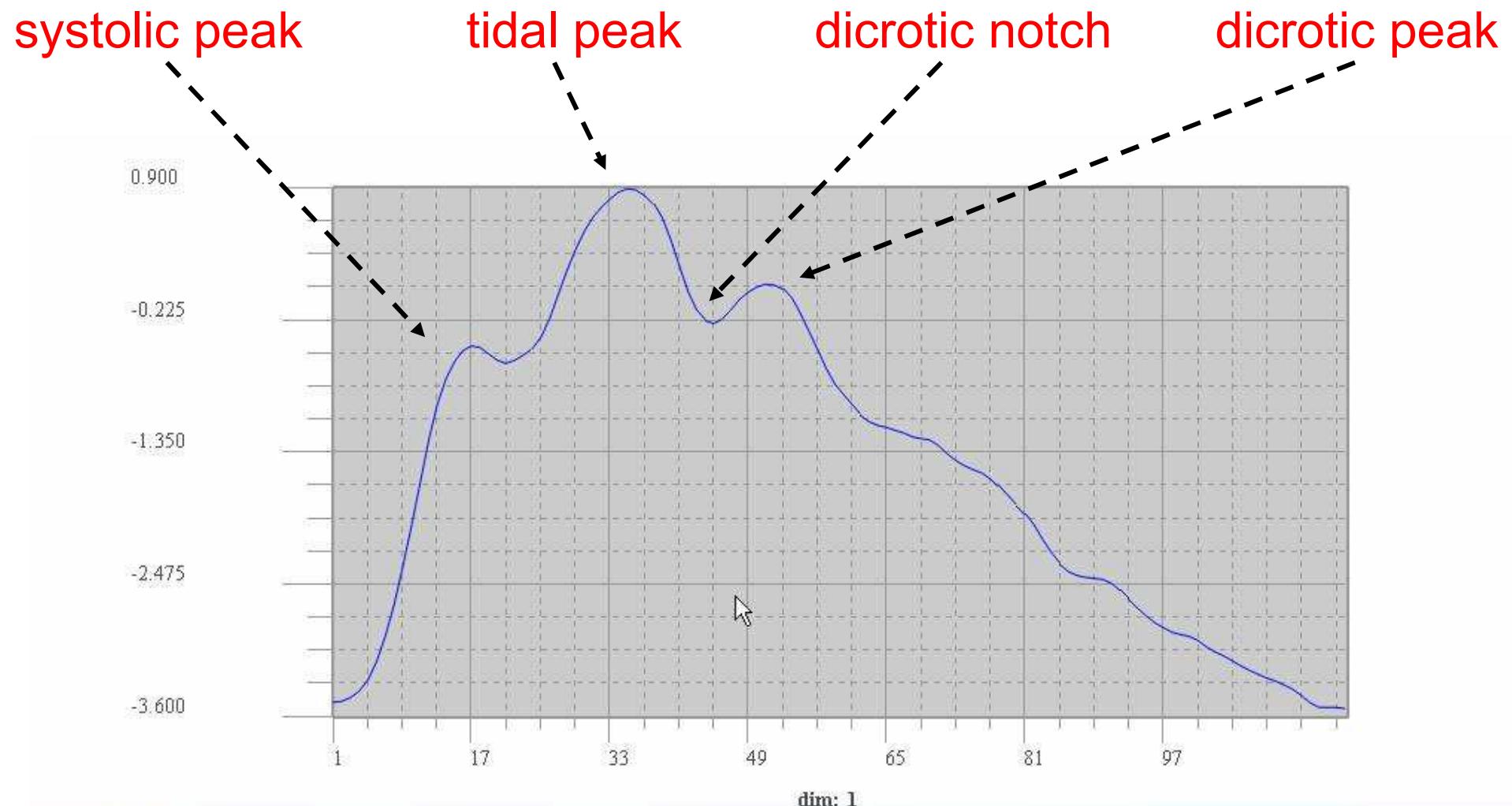
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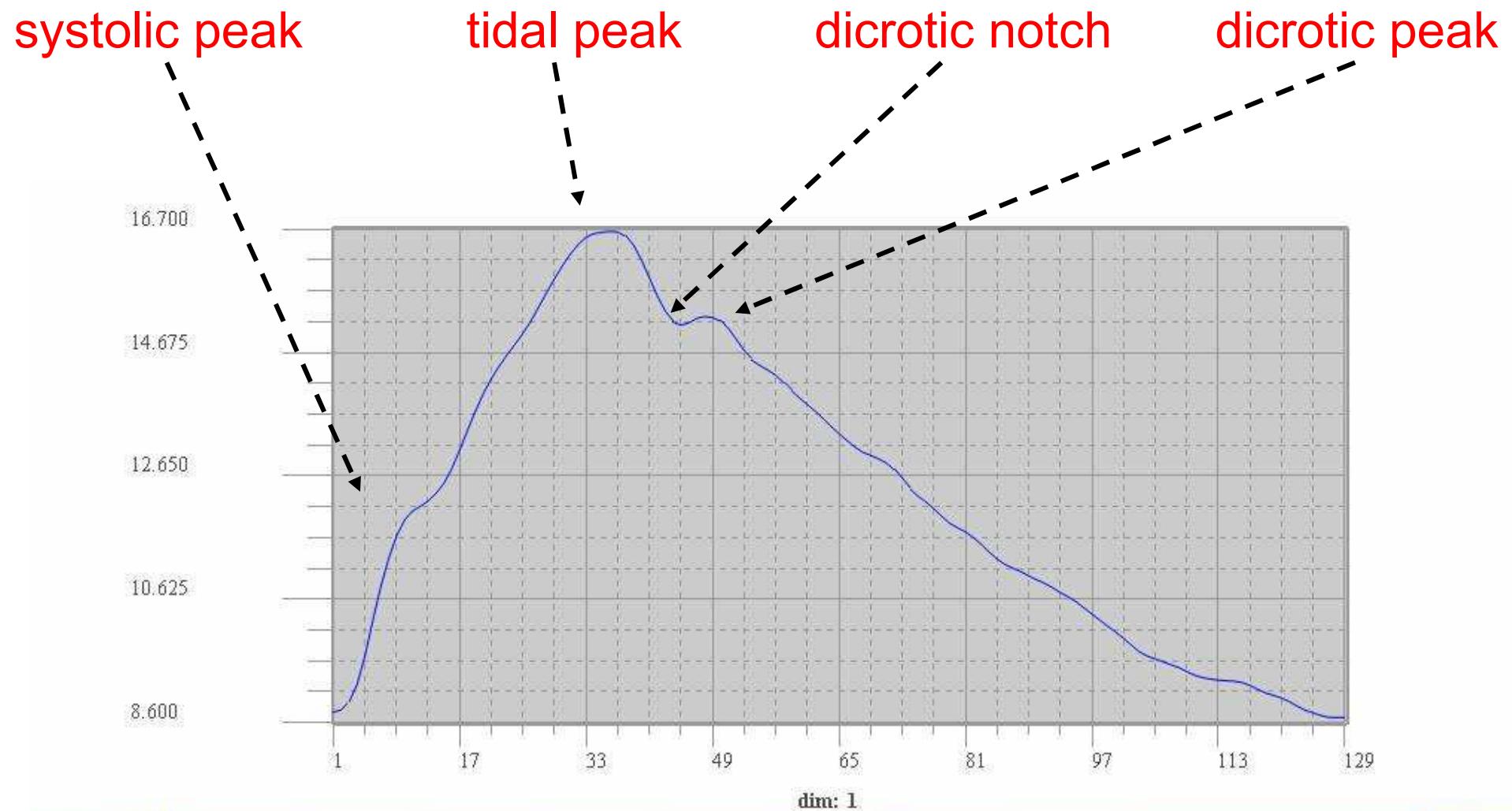
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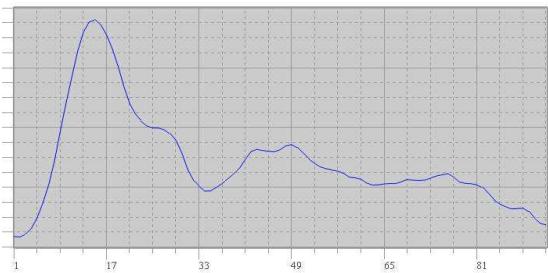
# Class 3 – *Probable pathological*



# Class 4 – *Pathological*



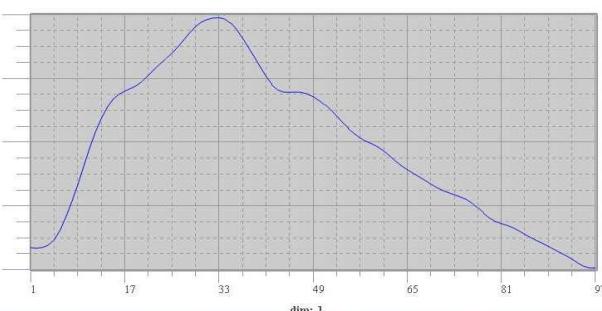
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**Decision Support System  
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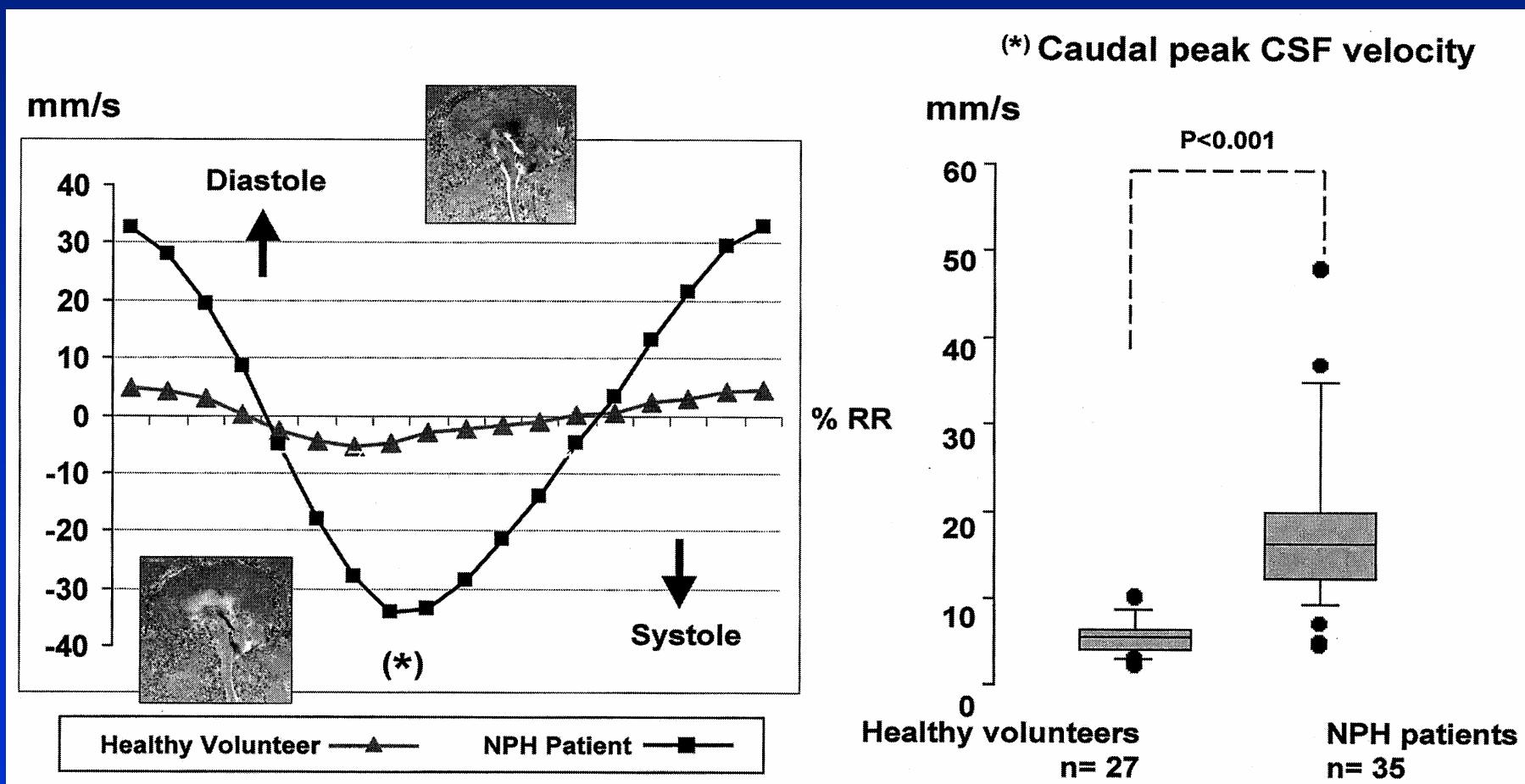
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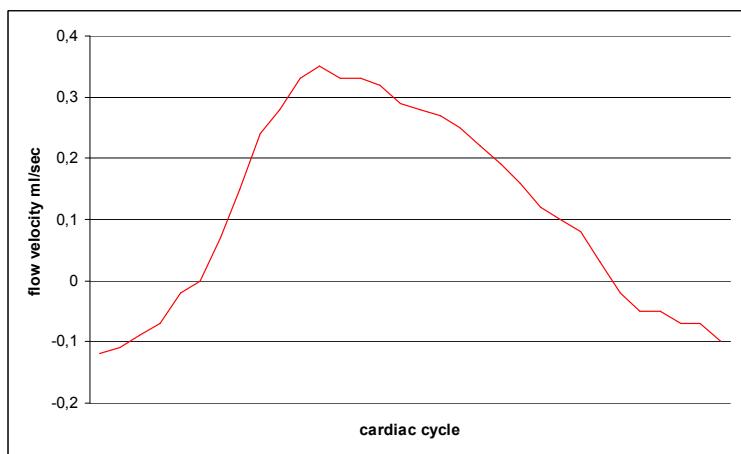
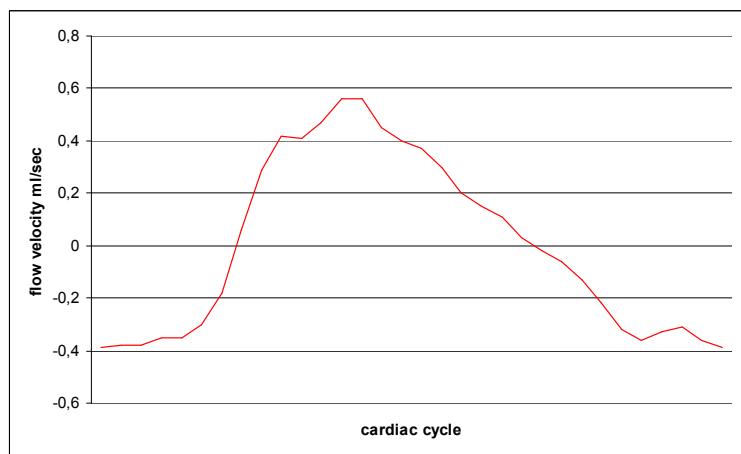
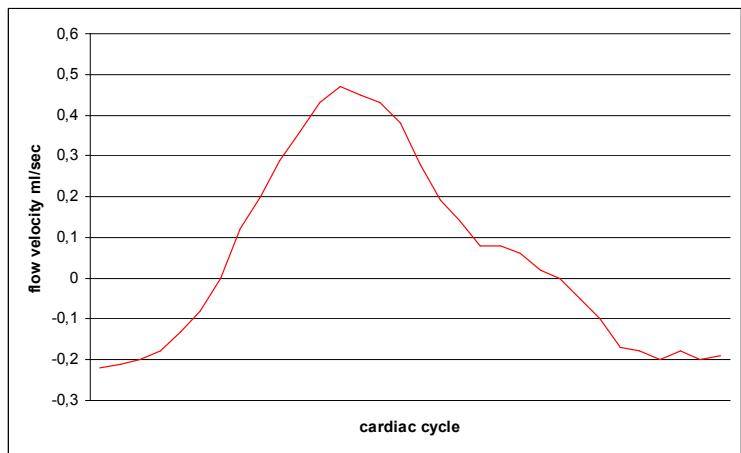
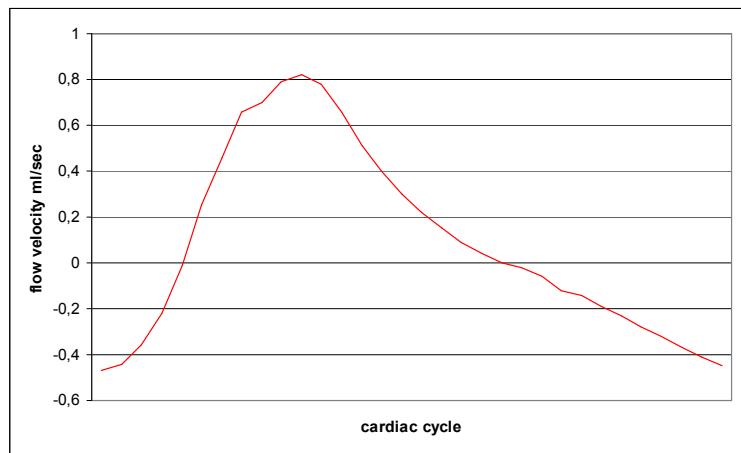
# Correlation between waveform morphology and Intracranial Elastance

*Intracranial Elastance Index*



Agreement between CSF flow dynamics in MRI and ICP monitoring in the diagnosis of normal pressure hydrocephalus. Sensitivity and specificity of CSF dynamics to predict outcome. Poca MA et al., *Acta Neurochir [Suppl]* 81:7-10, 2002.

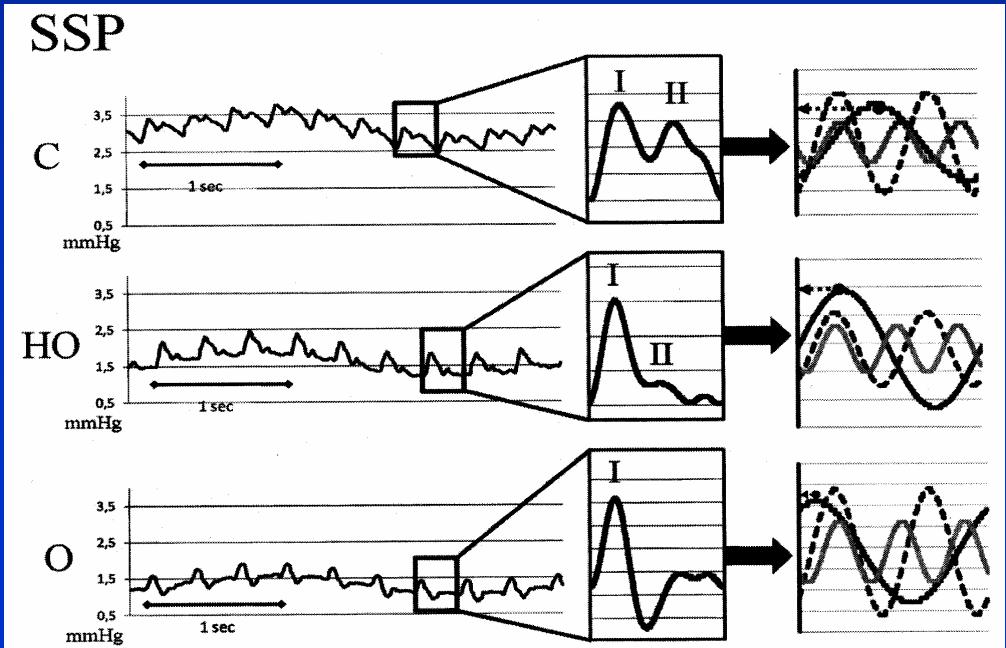
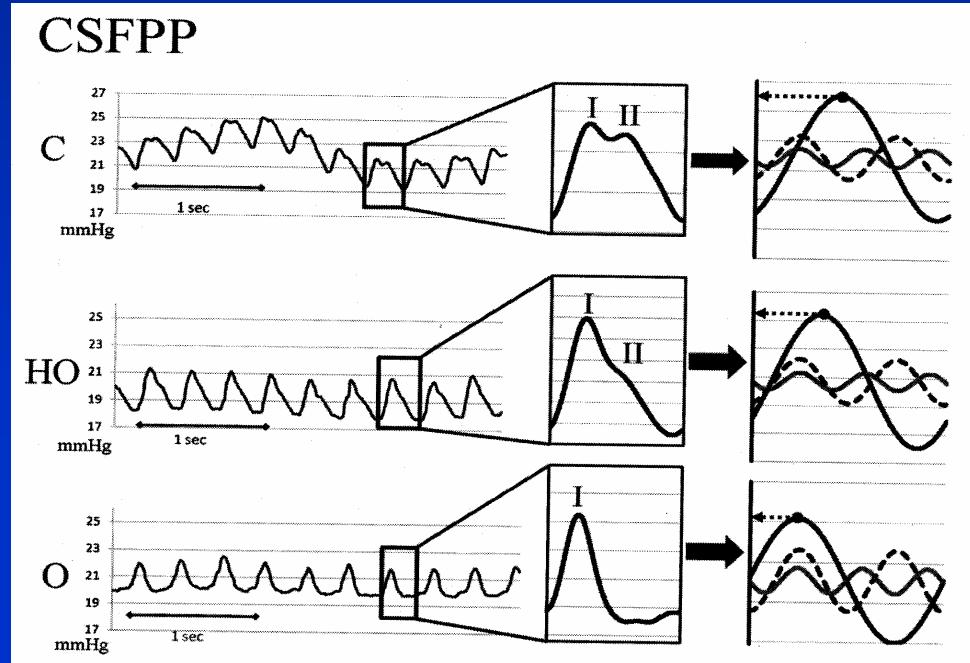


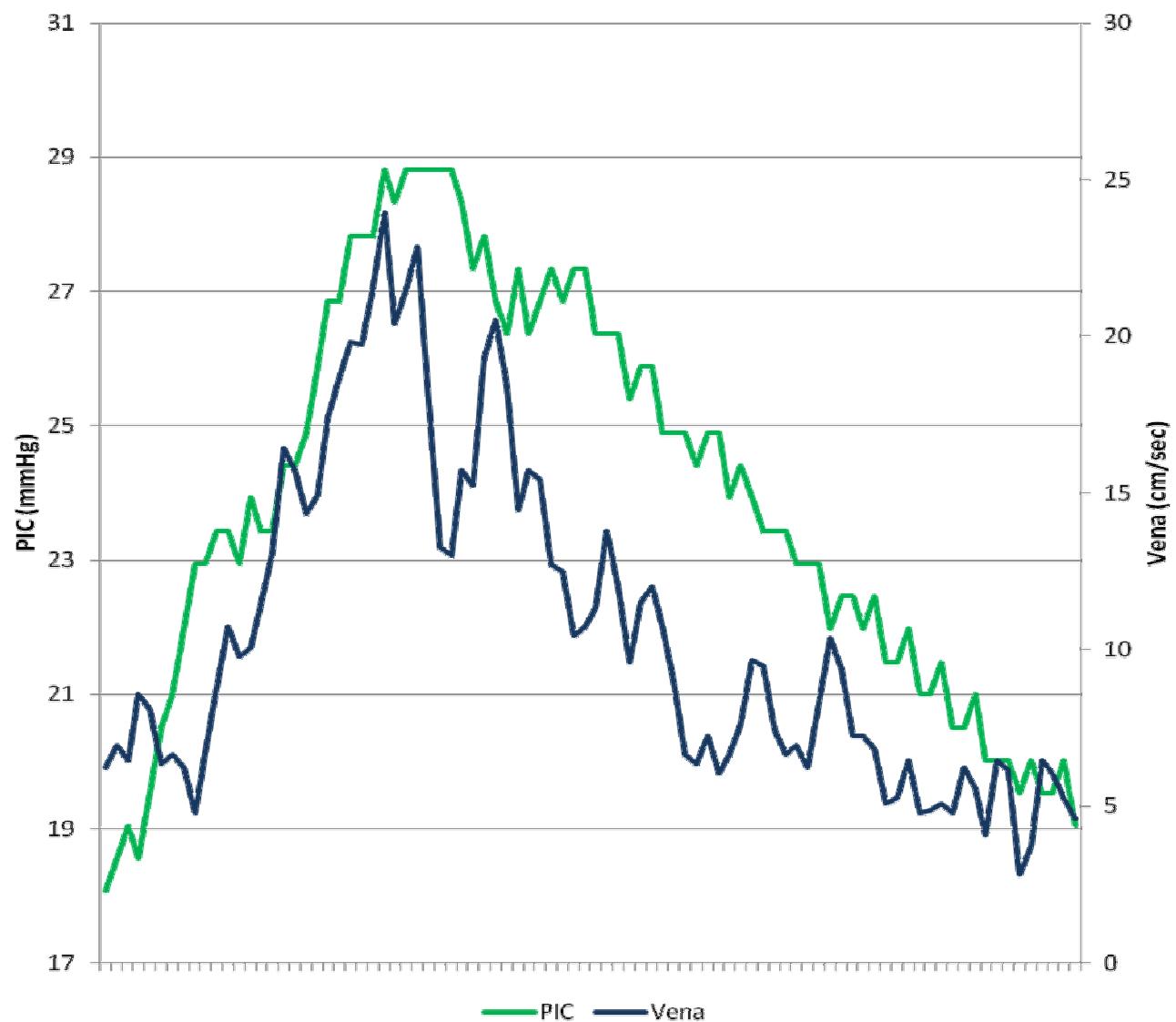


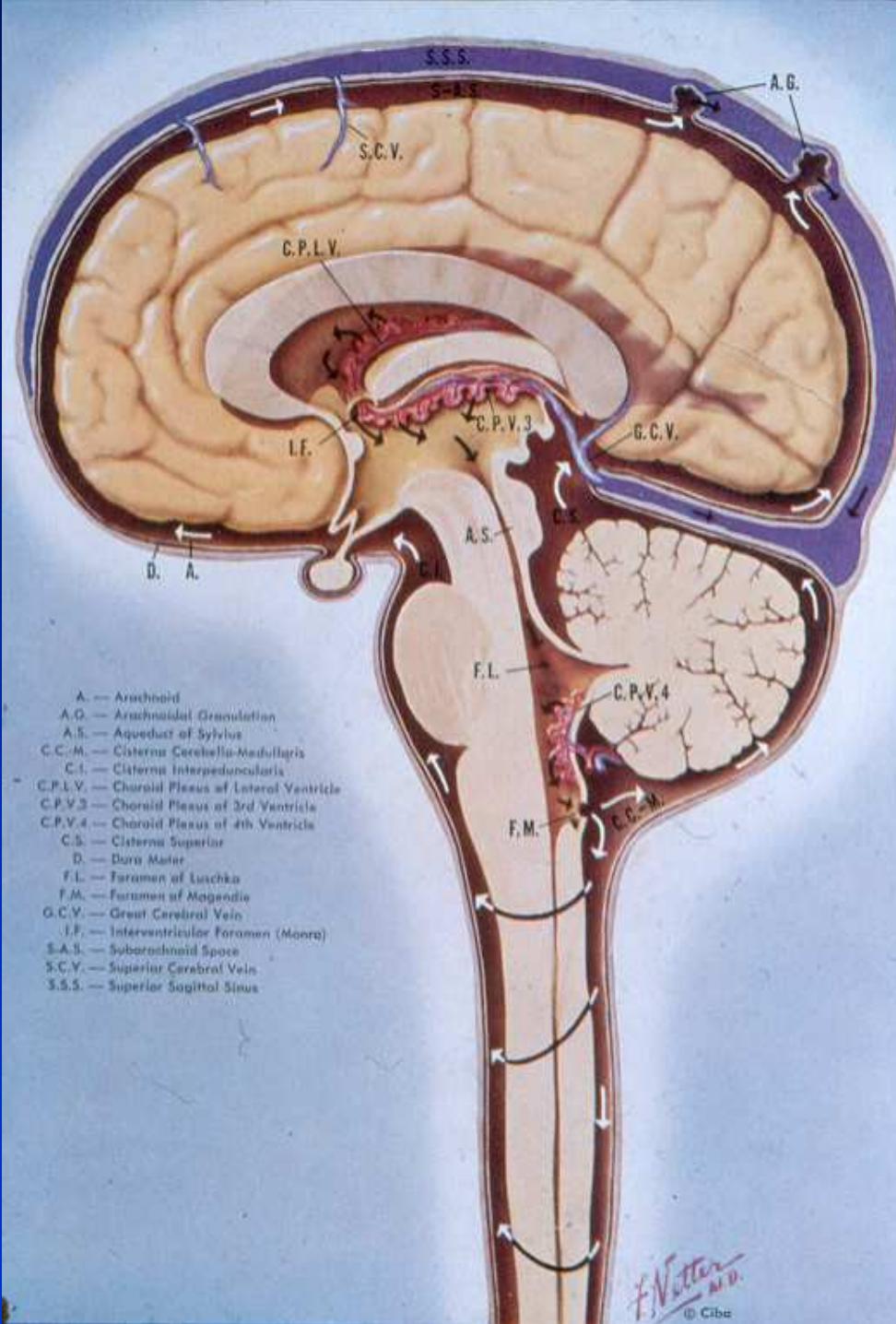
# An experimental study on artificially induced CSF pulse waveform morphological modifications

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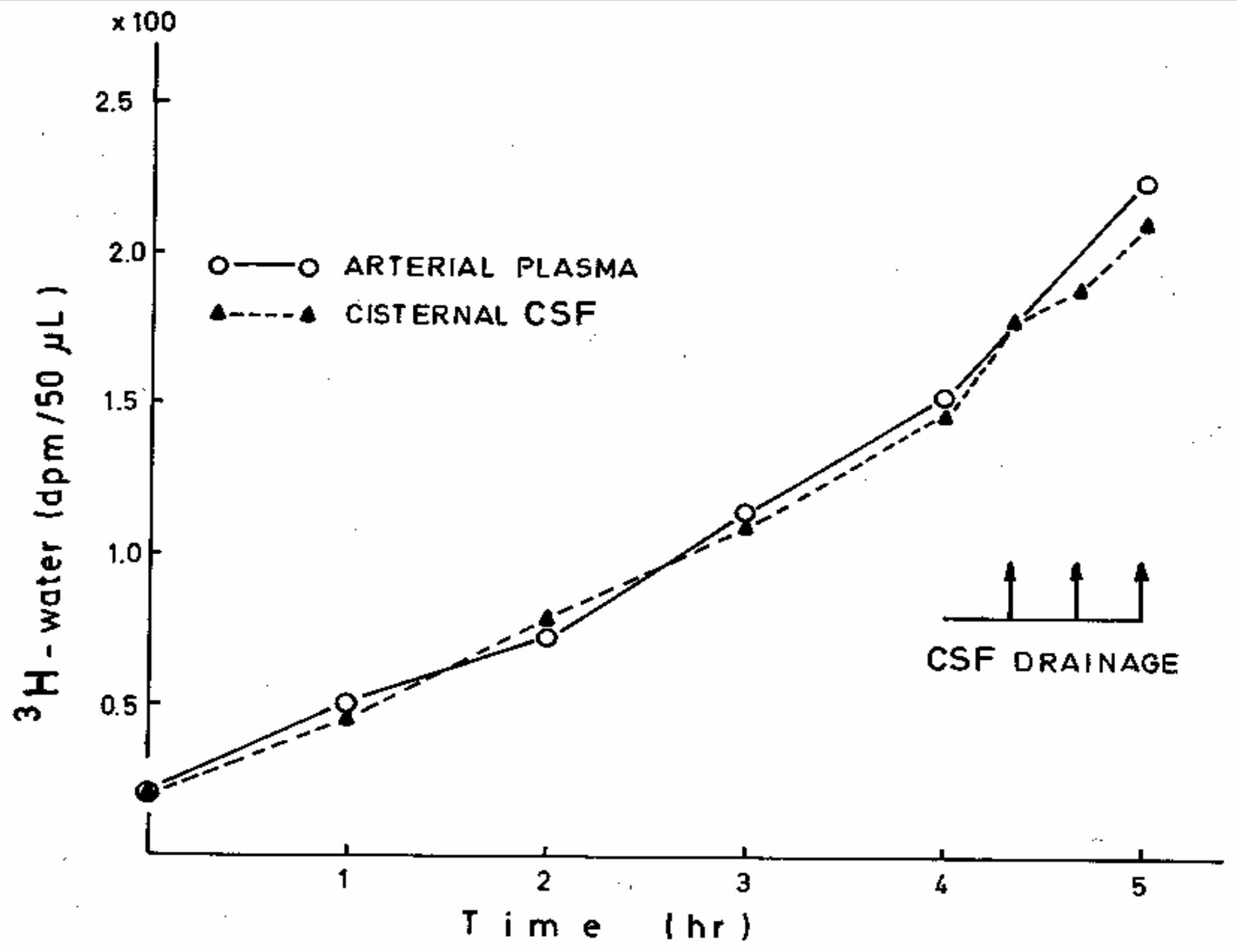


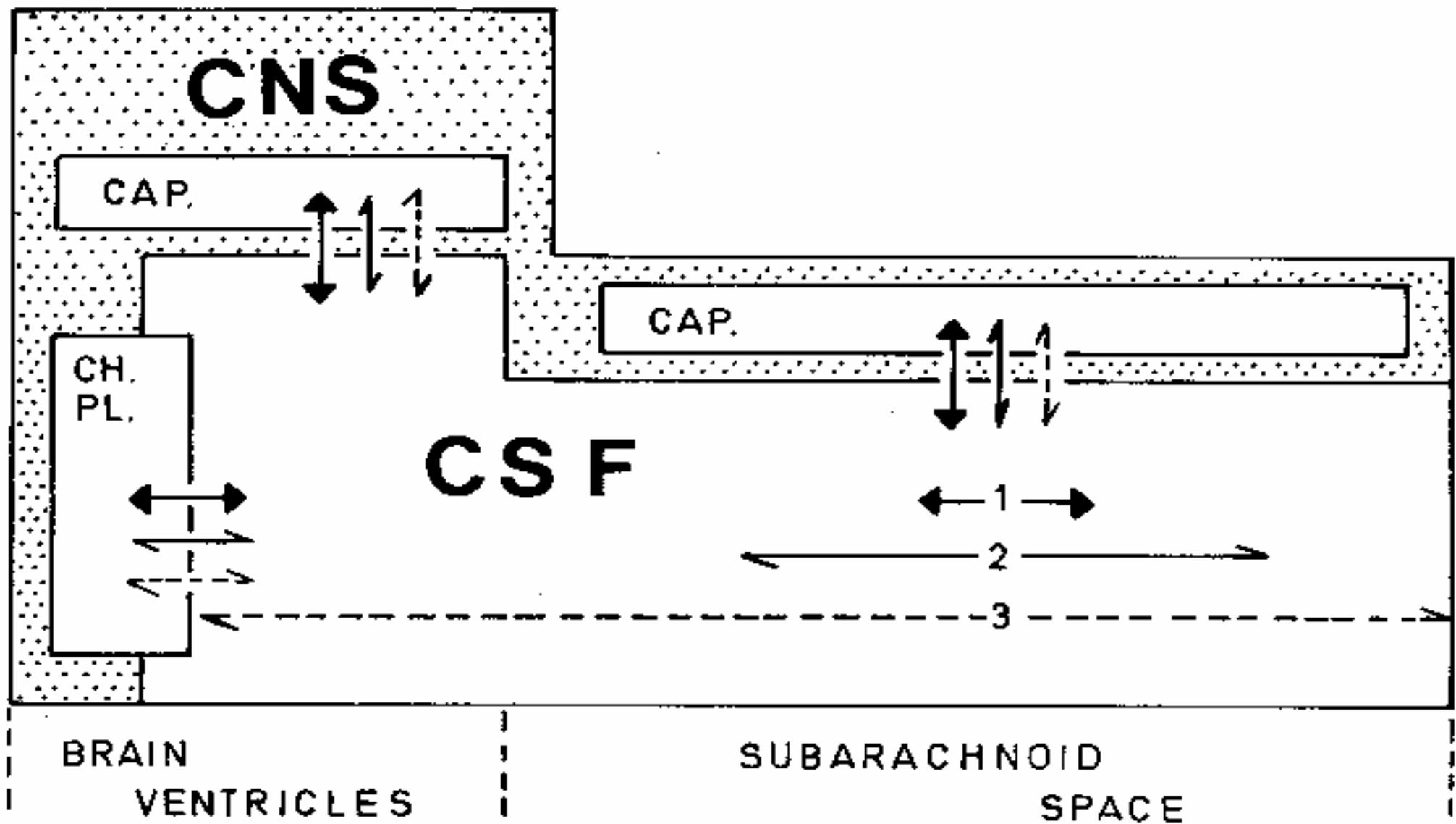
Three decades of normal pressure hydrocephalus: are we wiser now? Vanneste JAL. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 57:1022-1024, 1994.

- ...defective CSF absorption through the arachnoid villi would not lead to ventricular enlargement because it would not cause a pressure gradient between the ventricles and the subarachnoid space...there are neither physiological or pathological arguments to maintain the myth that malabsorption of CSF causes ventricular dilation.
- ...malabsorption of CSF is associated [non sem-pre] with communicating hydrocephalus, but does not cause it.

Dynamics and statics of the cerebrospinal fluid: the classical and a new hypothesis. Bulat M. *ICP VIII*, pp. 726-730, 1993.

- *All data mentioned indicate that there is flow or circulation of CSF volume (water) between various CSF compartments but that a rapid exchange of water molecules occurs between these compartments and adjacent blood capillaries. Since water constitutes 99% of CSF volume it is obvious that the classical circulation and absorption of CSF volume do not exist.*





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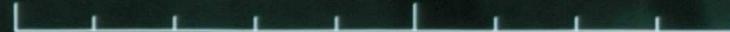
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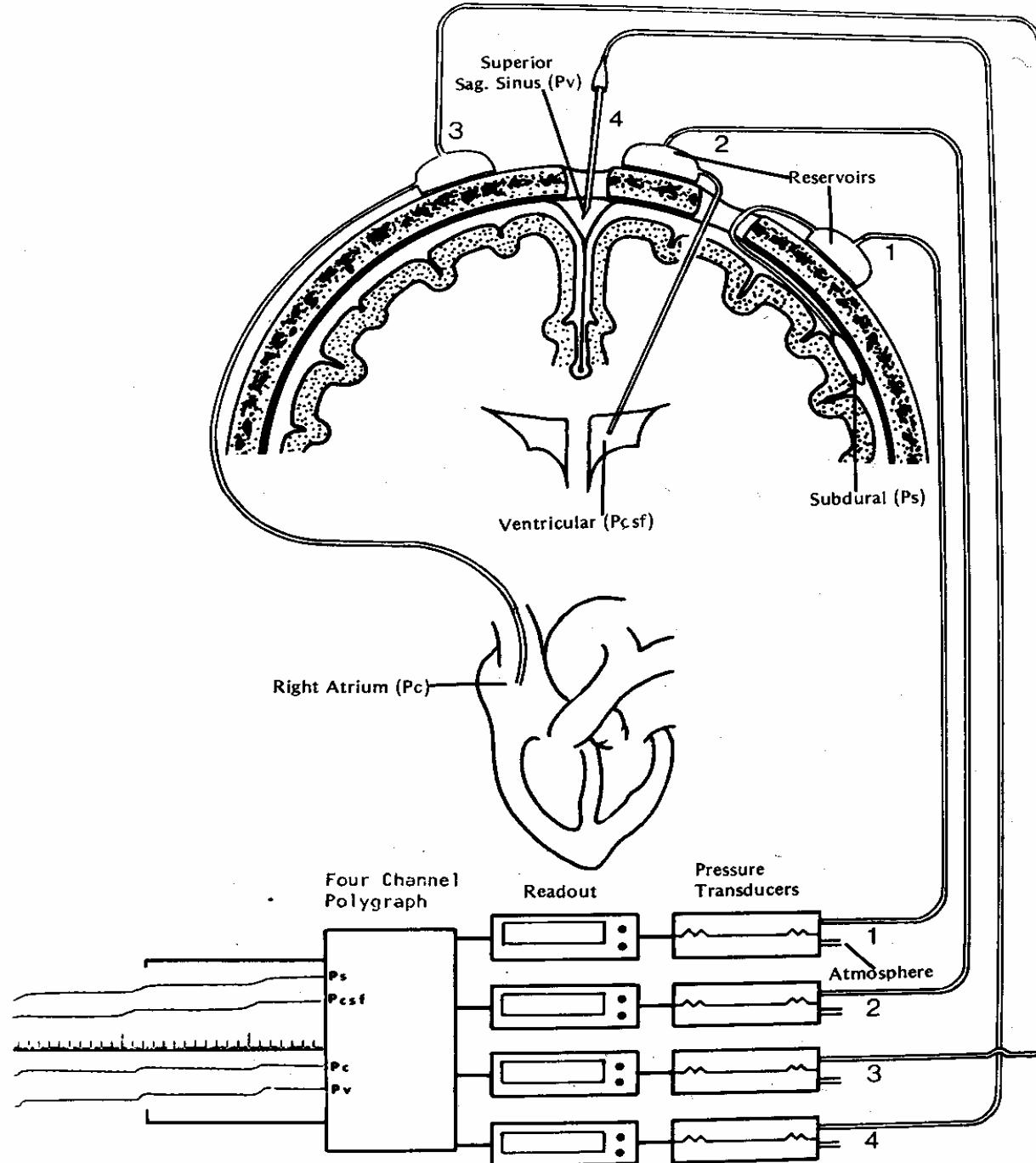


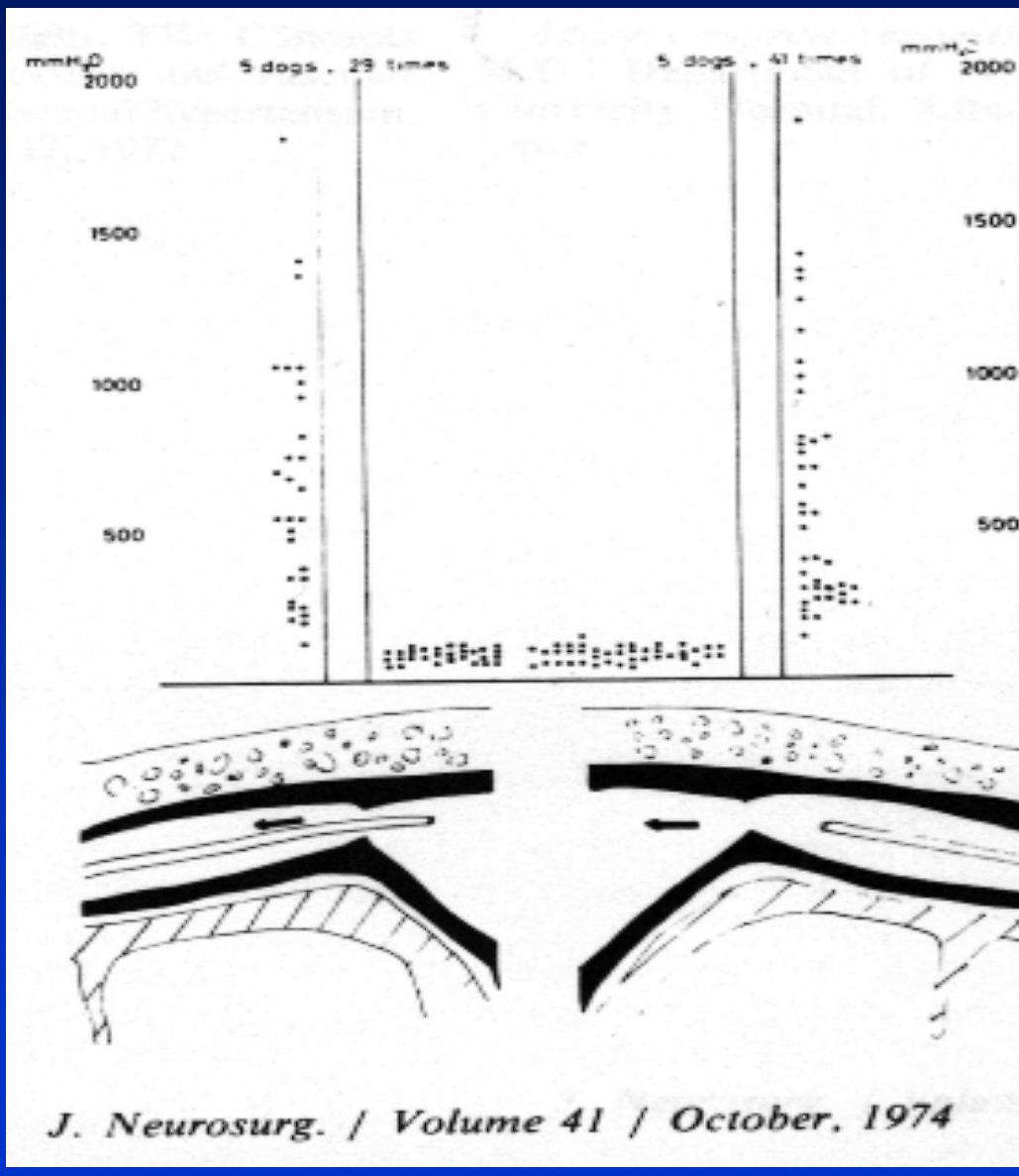
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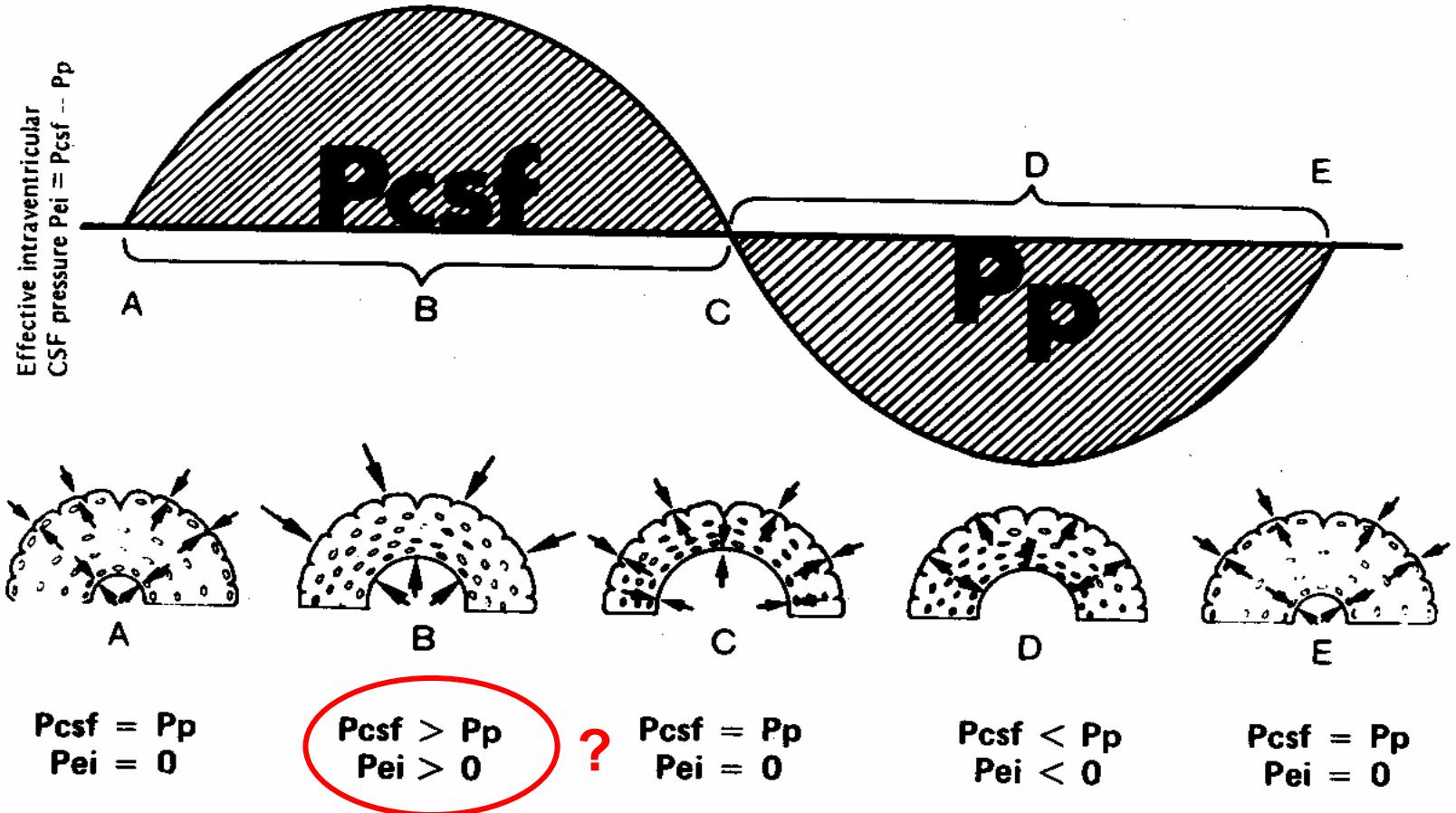
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Effect of aqueductal blockage on cerebrospinal fluid formation in isolated brain ventricles. Klarica M et al.  
*3rd International Hydrocephalus Workshop - Kos, 17-20 May 2001.*

- *After blockage of aqueduct, the CSF pressure in isolated ventricles and cisterna magna were not different from control value and cerebral transmantle pressure gradient did not develop over several hours.*
- *The results indicate that there is not net formation and accumulation of CSF in isolated ventricles and suggest that some other factor is responsible for development of hydrocephalus after blockage of aqueduct.*







**Fig. 29.** The development, maintenance and reversal of hydrocephalus. Analysis of the pressure changes, fluid movement, and stress distribution within the brain parenchyma.

- A: Normal ventricle, steady state, no deformation.
- B: Ventricular dilatation in progress, positive gradient, distortion of parenchyma.
- C: Enlarged ventricles, steady state, plastic deformation.
- D: Hydrocephalus under shunt treatment, reversed gradient, expansion of parenchyma.
- E: Normal ventricle, steady state, no deformation.

There is no transmantle pressure gradient in communicating or noncommunicating hydrocephalus.

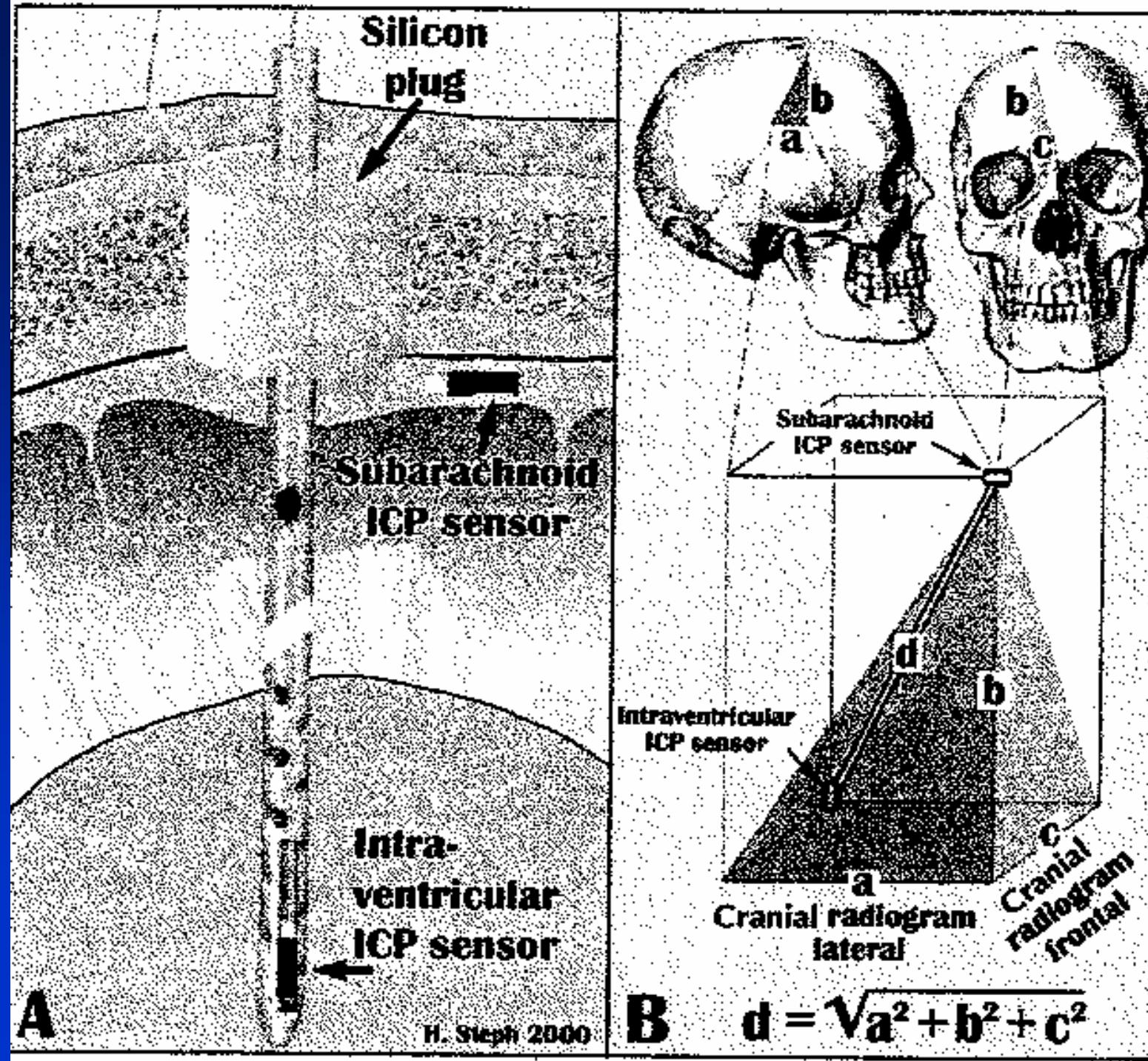
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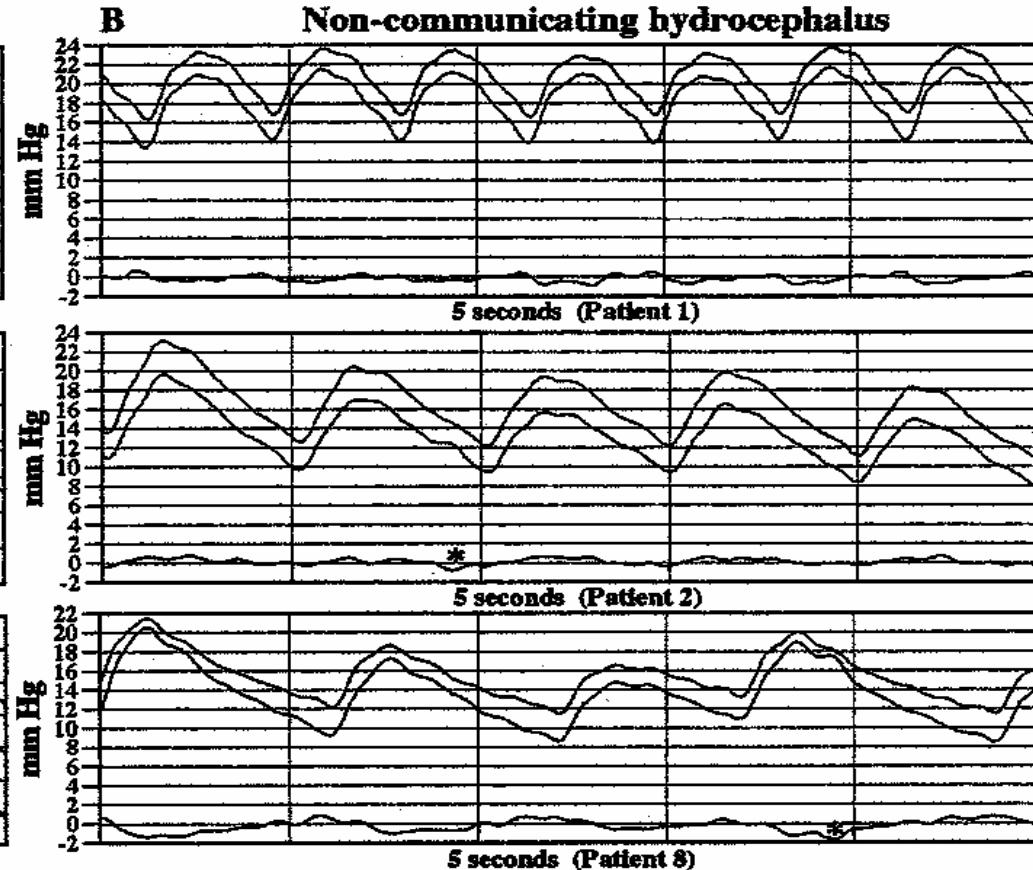
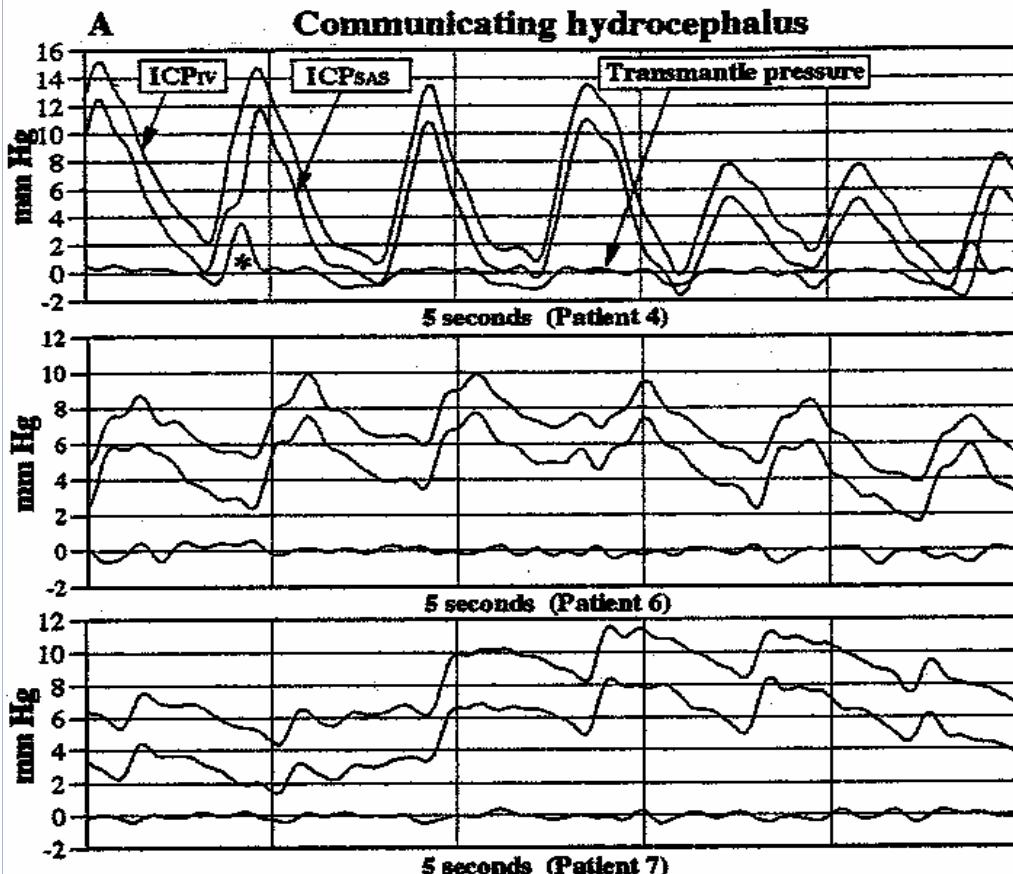
- *There is no transmantle pressure gradient in patients with communicating and noncommunicating hydrocephalus, and ICP in these patients behaves in accordance with the Pascal principle. The chief factor for this is the pulsation and movements of the brain during the cardiac cycle, which equalizes all possible pressure differences between different parts of the CSF system, even when there is no direct communication.*

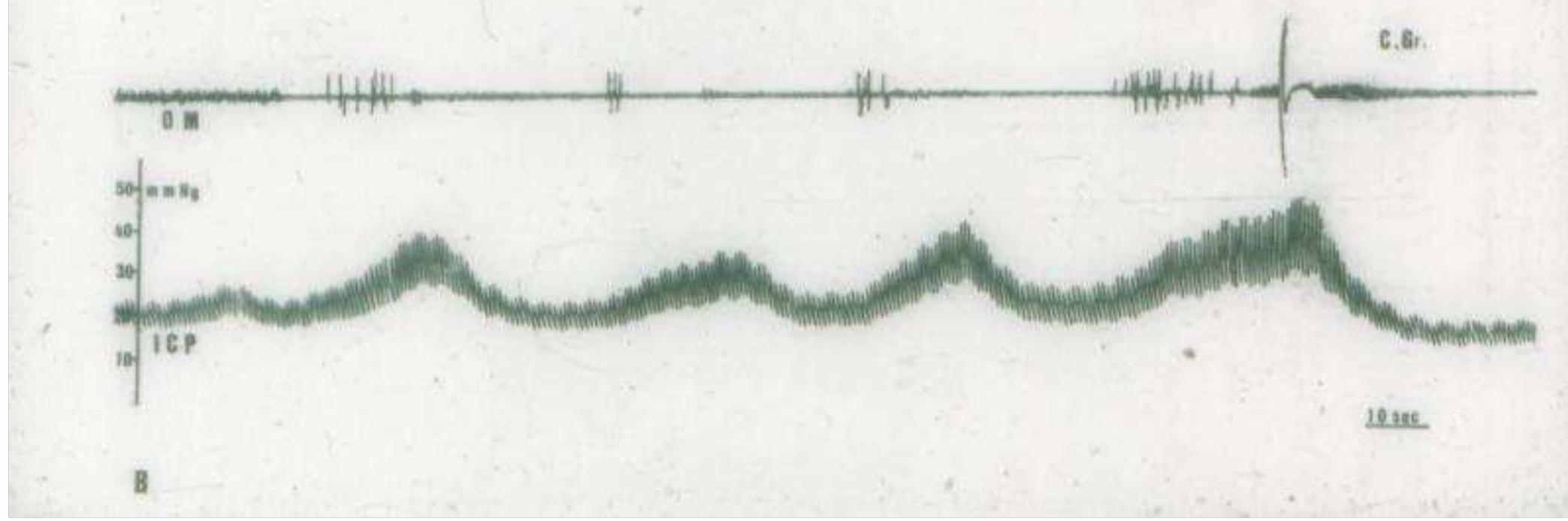
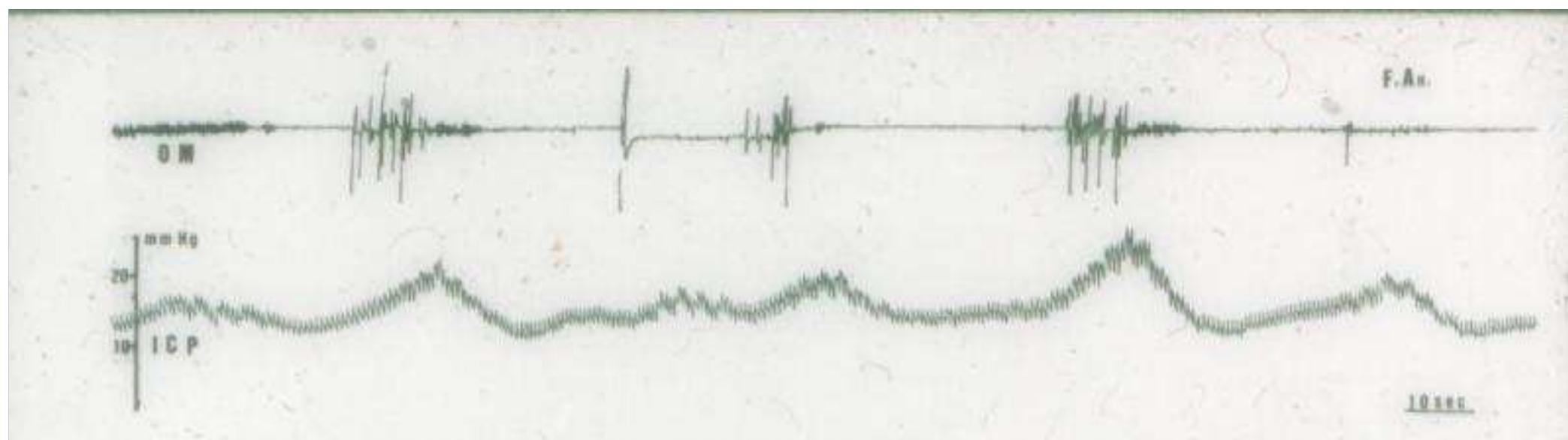
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- Our results lead us to propose that brain pulsation simultaneously exerts the same force on the subarachnoid space and the ventricles during the entire cardiac cycle, as is reflected by the identical pulse pressure wave forms in both spaces.*





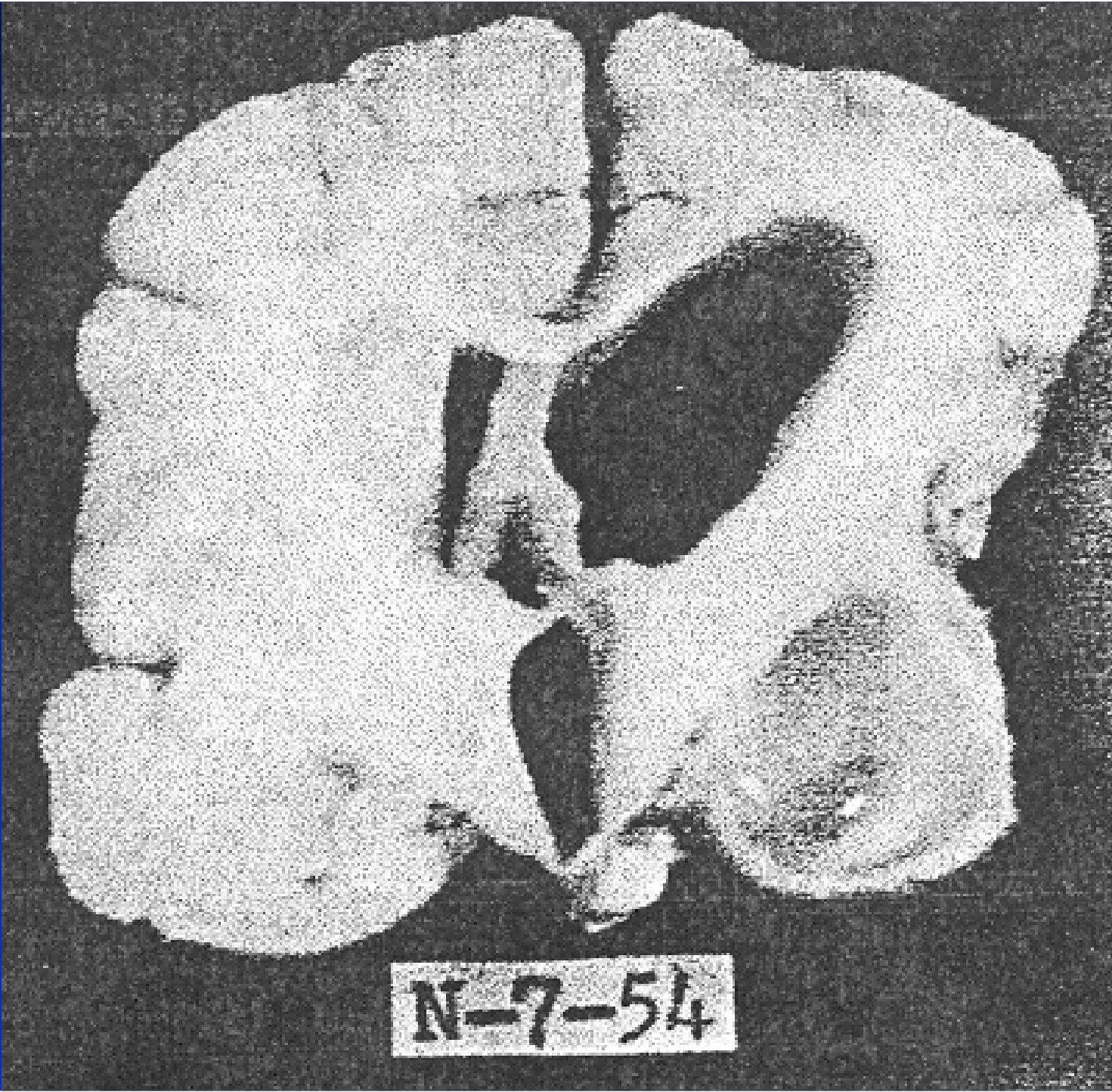


Experimental hydrocephalus. Dandy WE. *Ann Surg* 70:129-142, 1919.

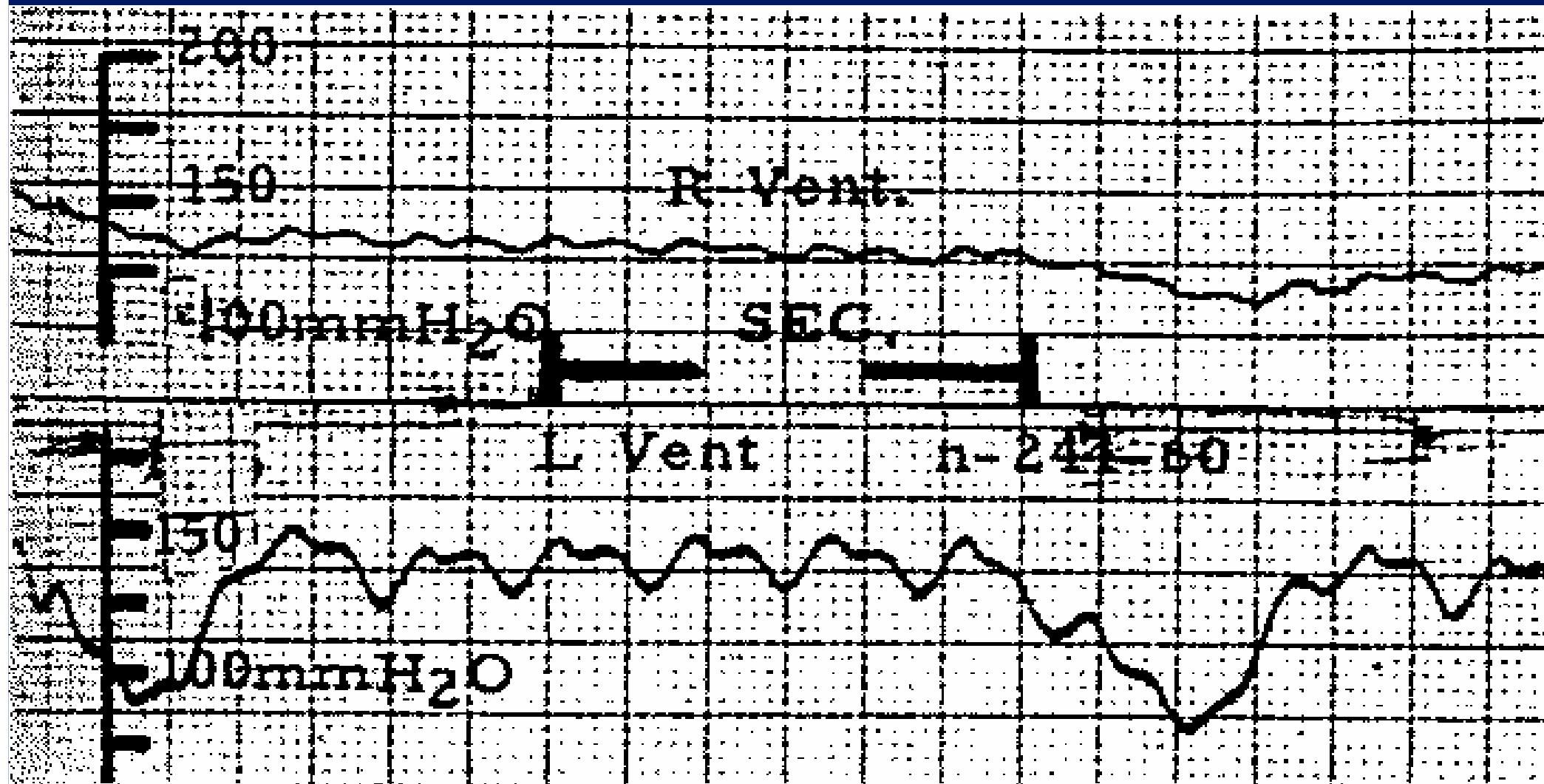
•In 1919, in a study of experimental hydrocephalus, Dandy occluded the foramen of Monro on one side in normal dogs, and the ipsilateral ventricle enlarged. Then, he occluded the foramen of Monro after choroid plexectomy, and the ventricle did not enlarge. He concluded that the choroid plexus was the source of CSF, and that enlargement of the ventricle was due to the back pressure of the accumulated CSF in the ventricle.

Circulation of the cerebrospinal fluid: demonstration of the choroid plexus as the generator of the force for flow of fluid and ventricular enlargement. Bering EA. *J Neurosurg* 19:405-413, 1962.

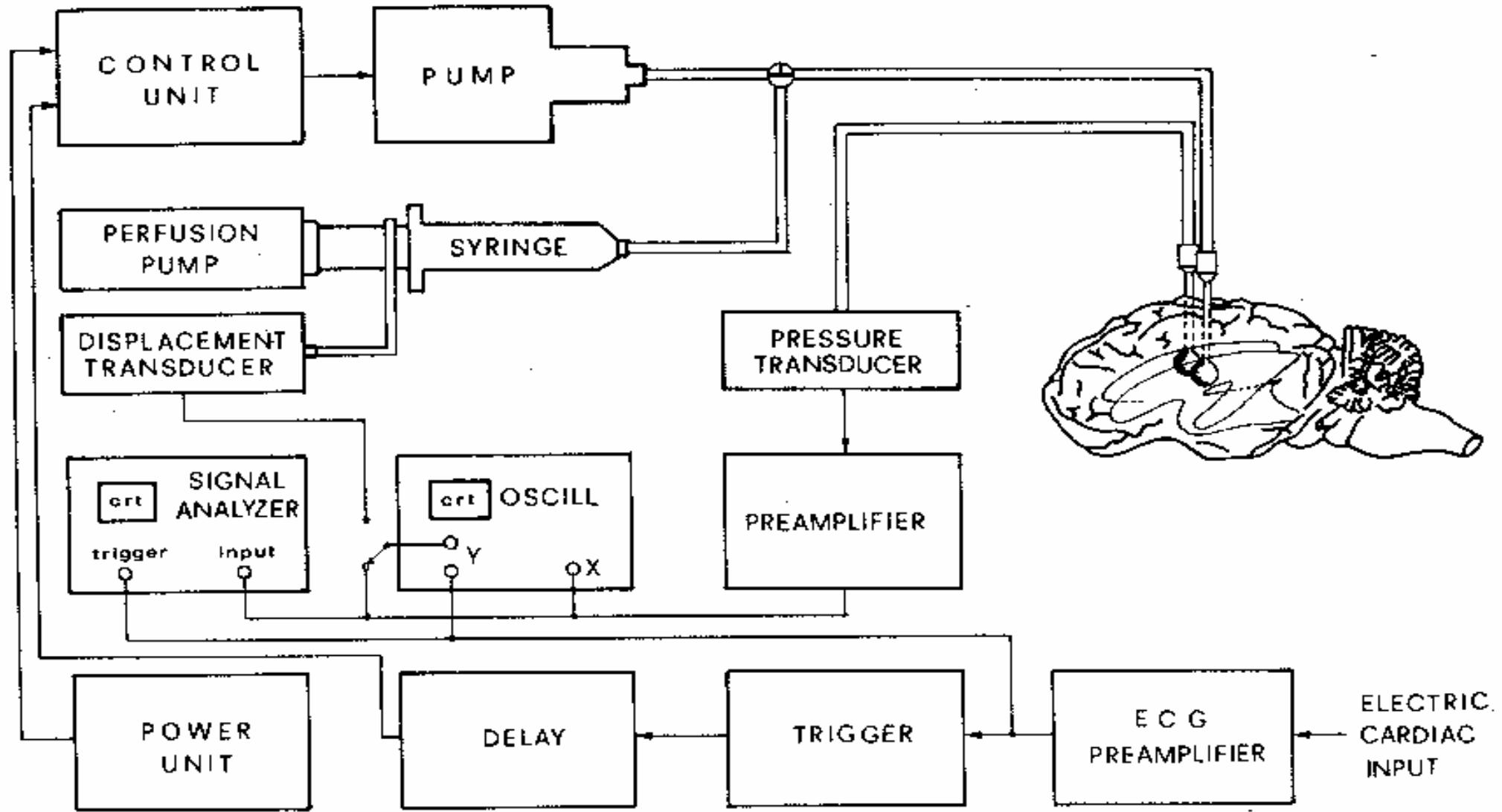
• *He produced hydrocephalus in dogs by cisternal kaolin injection and removed the choroid plexus from one lateral ventricle. ... The ventricle without the choroid plexus remained small; only the ventricle with the choroid plexus enlarged. Bering concluded that ventricular enlargement was not the result of increased intraventricular pressure from accumulated CSF; ... both the ventricle(s) ... were subject to the same static fluid pressures.*



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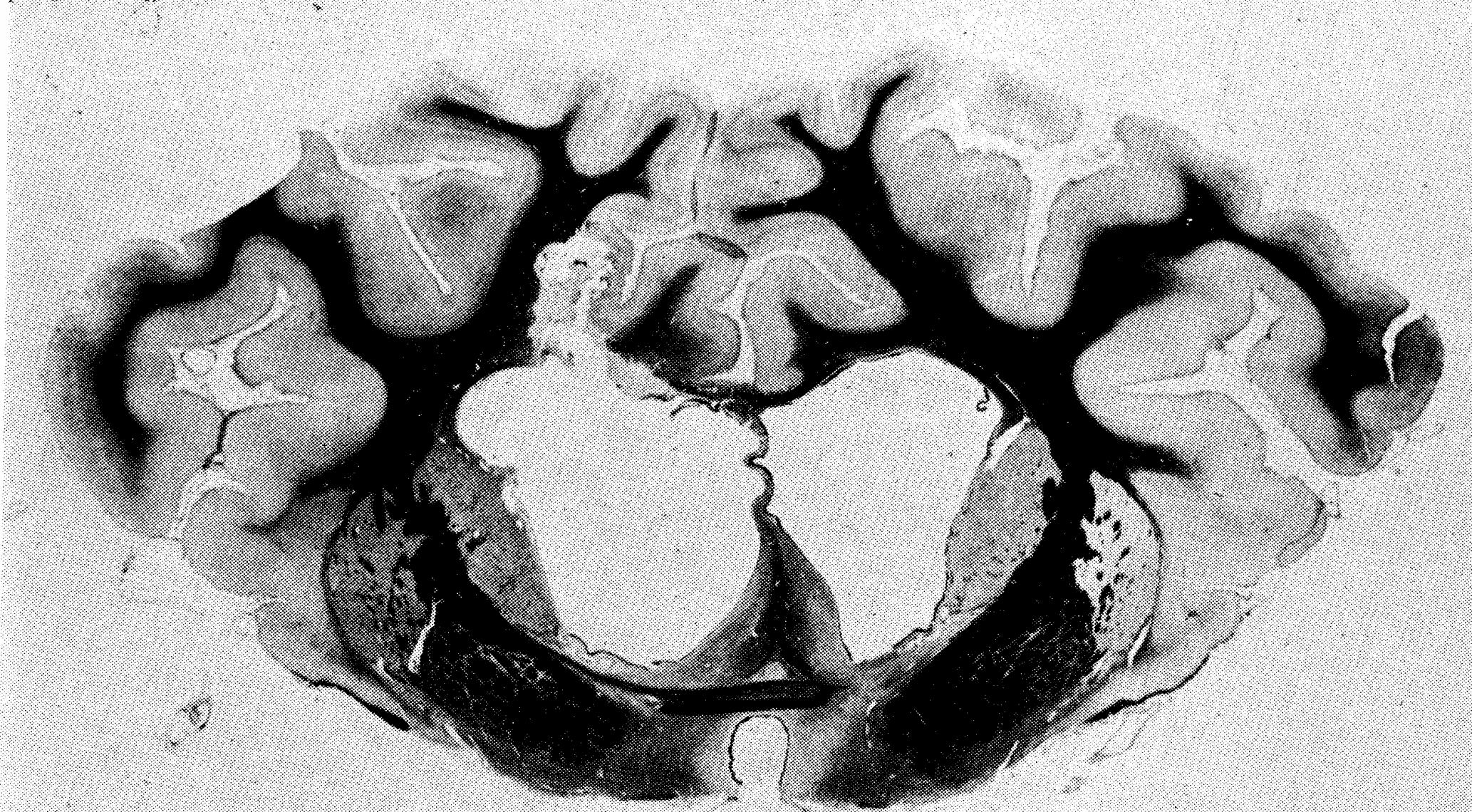


## HYDROCEPHALUS MODEL





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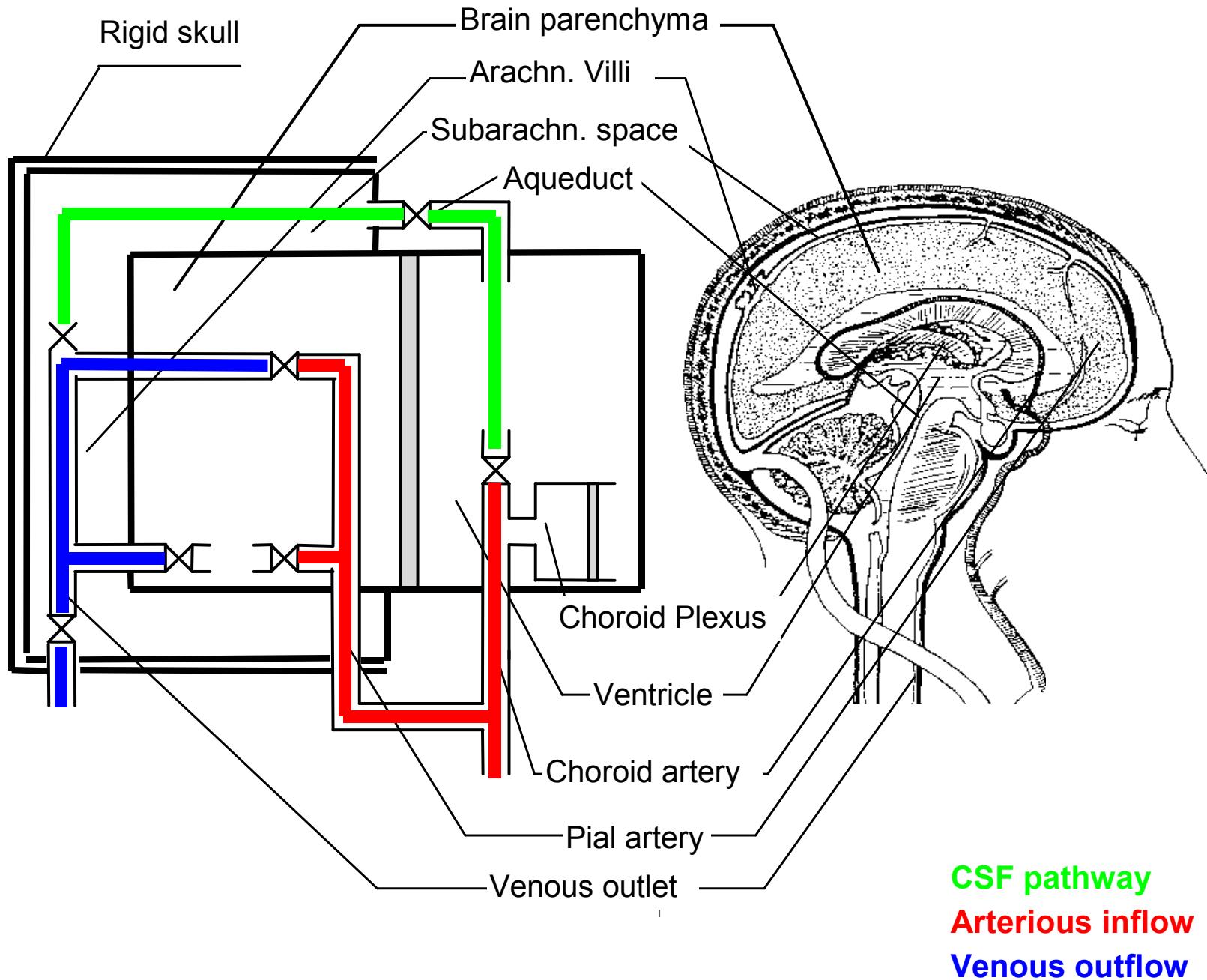
# **A mathematical model to explain ventricular enlargement in NPH**

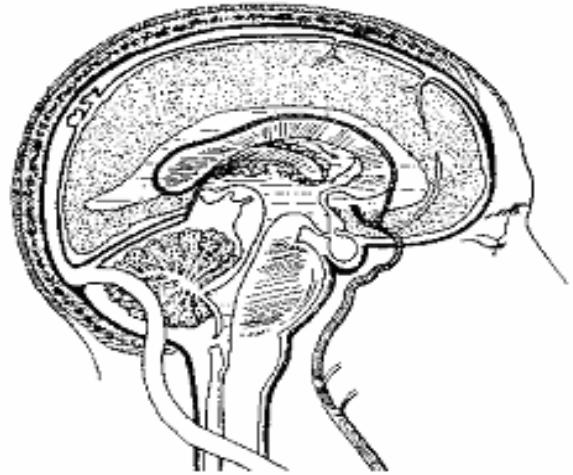
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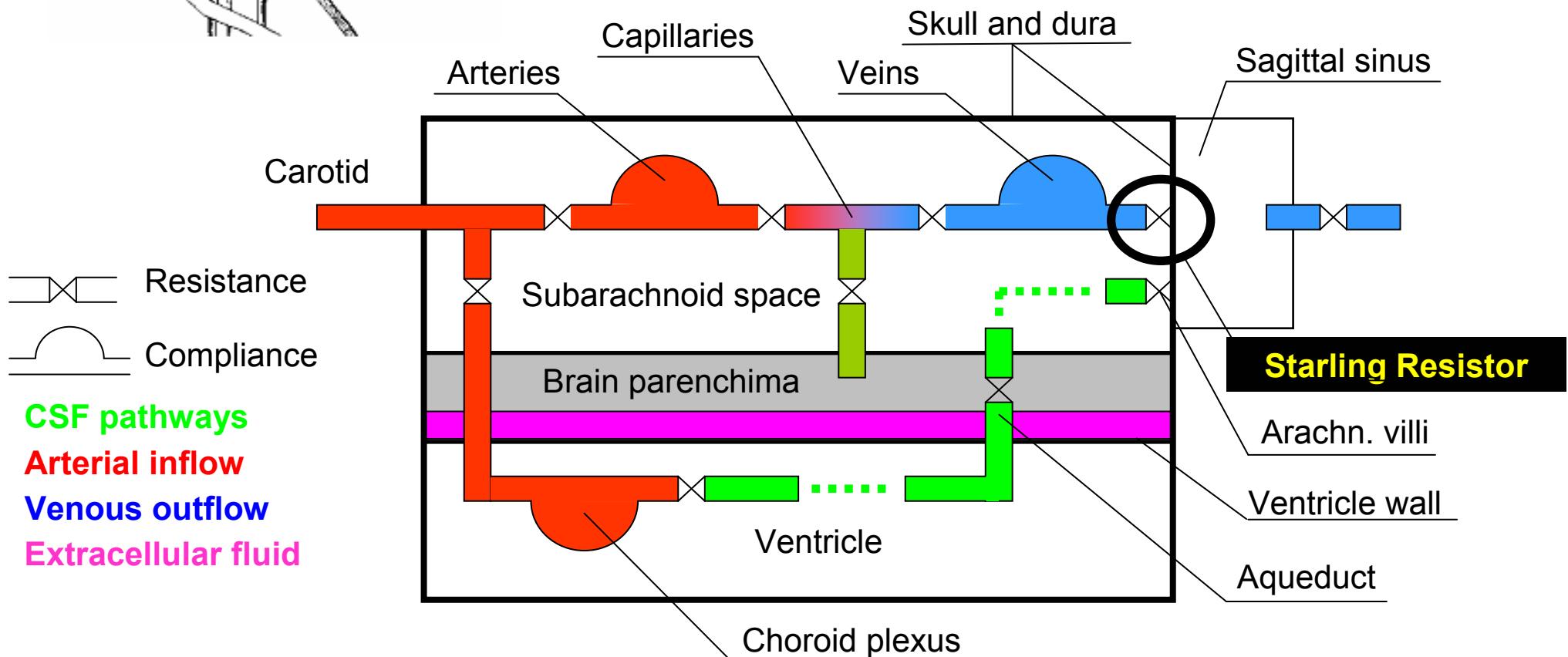
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# THE INTRACRANIAL SYSTEM MODEL



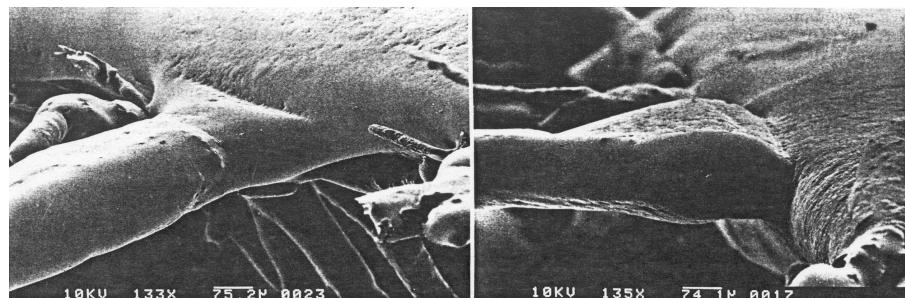
# MODEL ASSUMPTIONS

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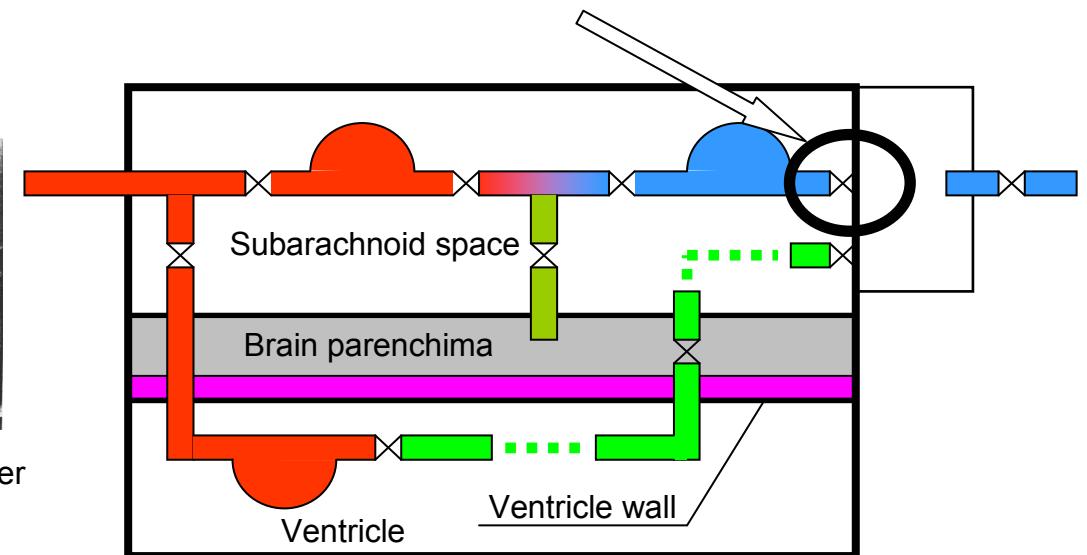
$$\text{Blood} + \text{CSF} + \text{Brain parenchima} = \text{Const.}$$

$$\text{Brain parenchima} = \text{Cell volume} + \text{ExtraCellular Fluid (ECF)}$$

- The venous outflow is regulated by a **Starling Resistor**.



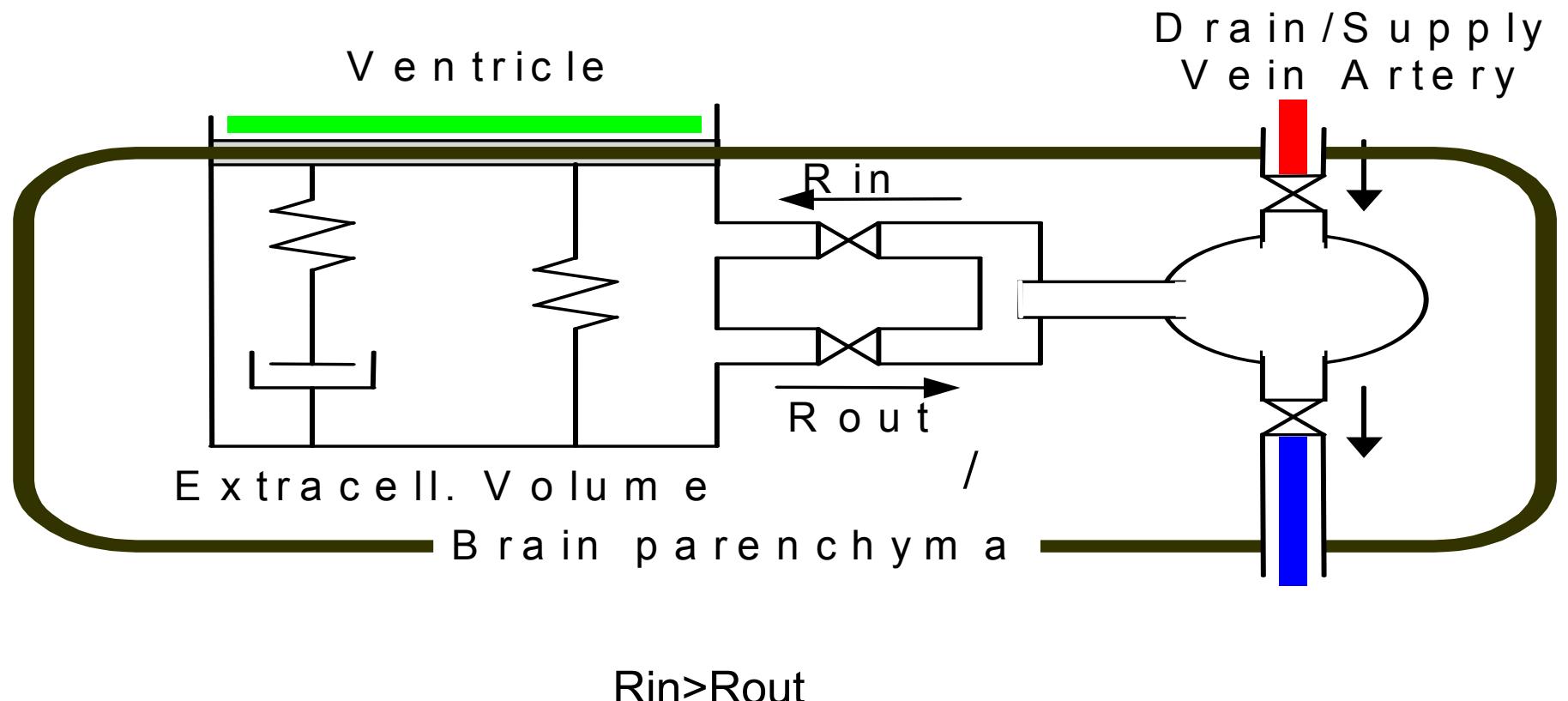
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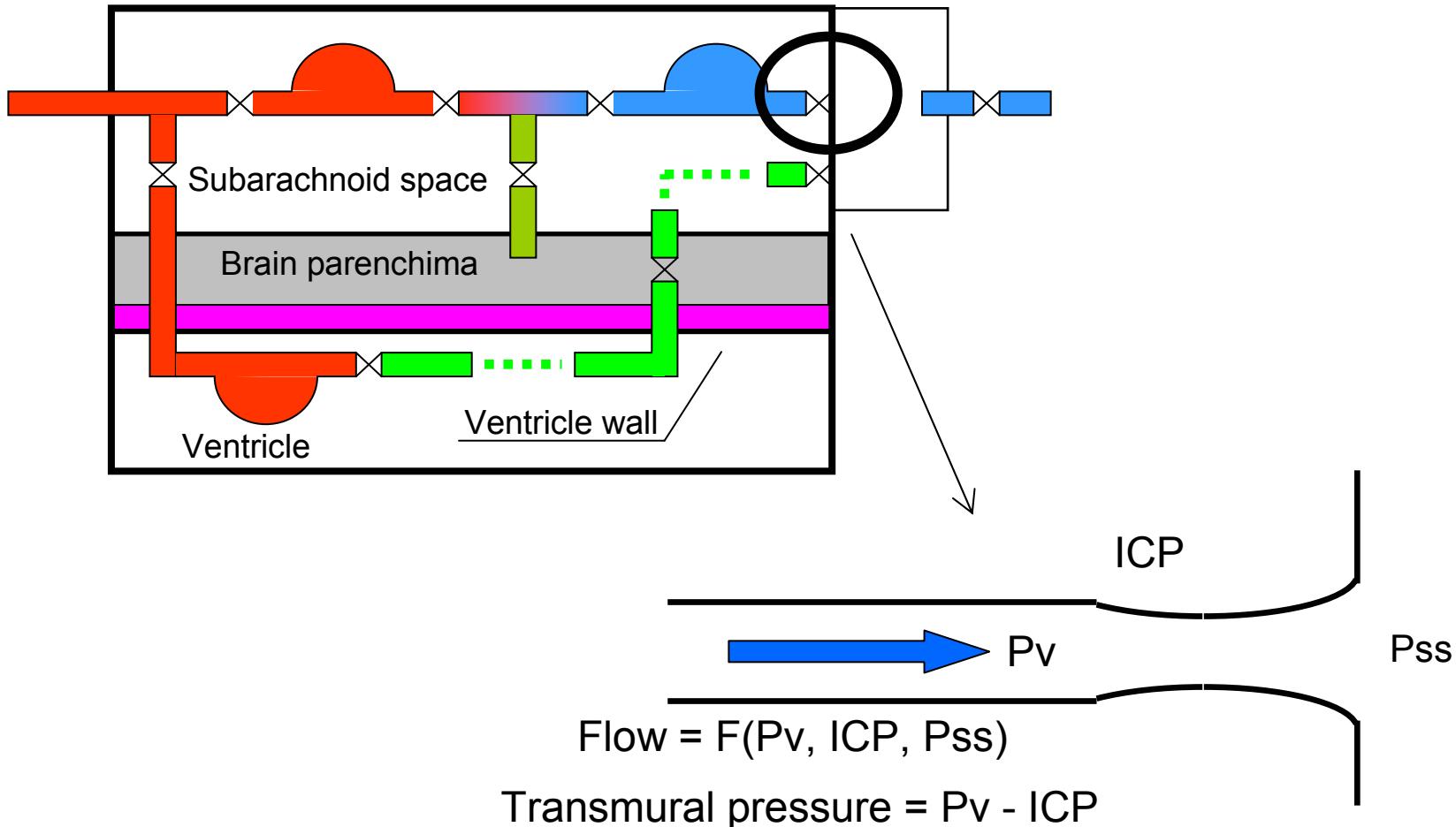
Brain parenchyma under variable loads:

- the parenchyma is modeled like a sponge;
- it is assumed that *it is easier to squeeze it than to make it suck in.*

## VISCOELASTIC MODEL OF THE BRAIN TISSUE

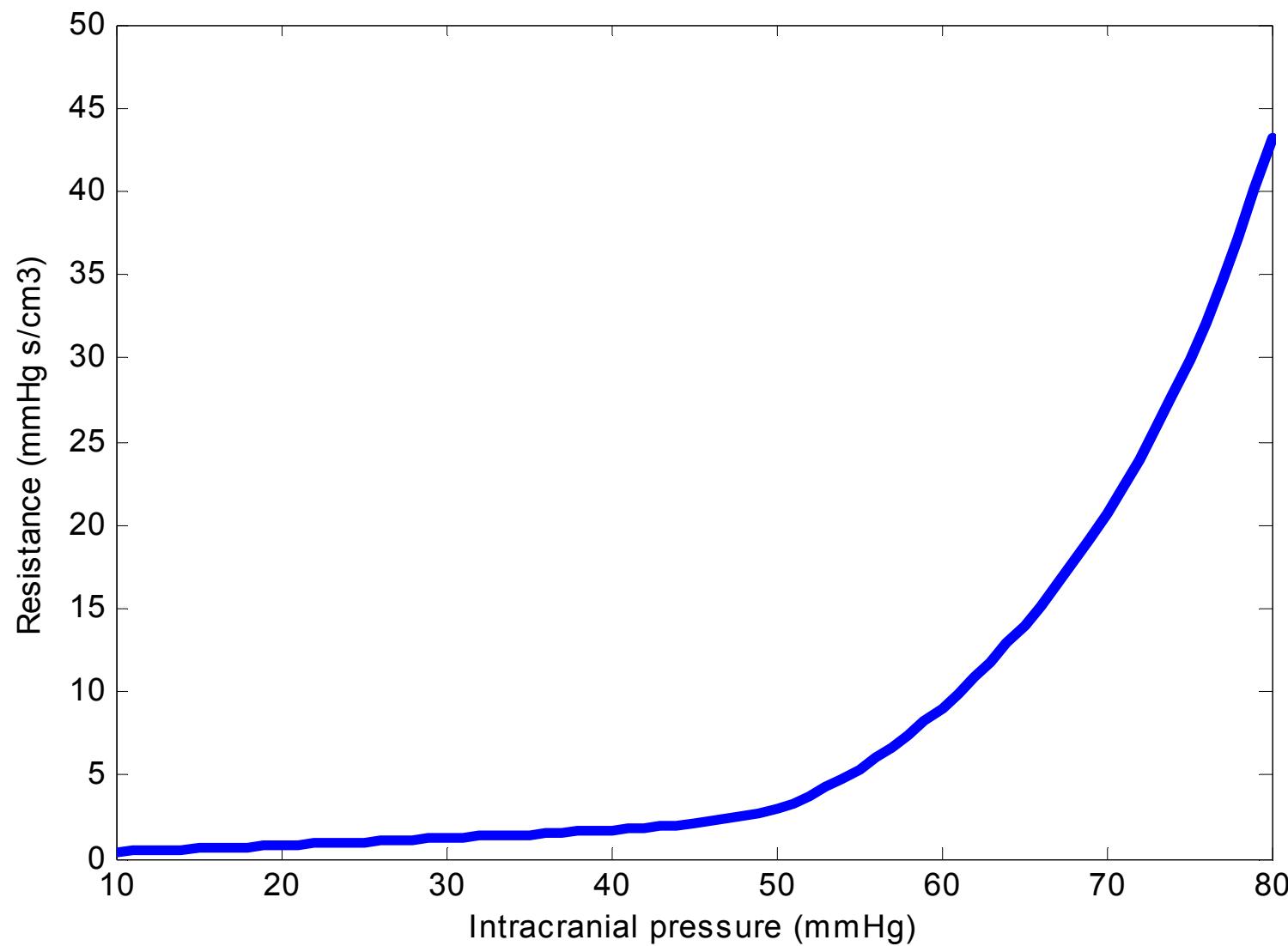


# The Starling Resistor

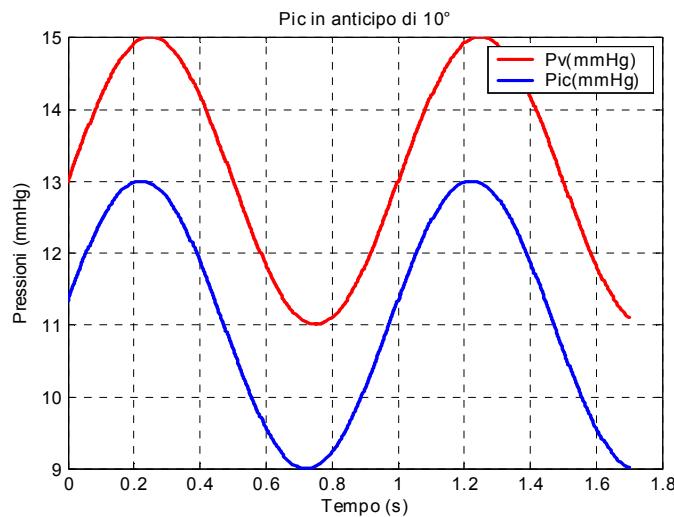


A.H. Shapiro, "Steady flow in collapsible tubes" J. Biomech. Eng., 1977

## Resistance of the Starling Resistor



# Effetti del Resistore di Starling



Pv e Pic sono sfasate di  $10^\circ$  (Pic in anticipo)

Durante l'aumento di Pv il flusso è minore di quello che si ha durante la diminuzione.

Es. quando  $Pv = 13 \text{ mmHg}$ ,

- se Pv aumenta il flusso è  $0.42 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$
- se Pv diminuisce il flusso è  $0.50 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

La curva non è un'ellisse: la parte superiore è più distante della inferiore dalla linea media.

## Resistore di Starling

Flusso in sistole:  $0.2094 \text{ cm}^3$

Flusso in diastole:  $0.2573 \text{ cm}^3$

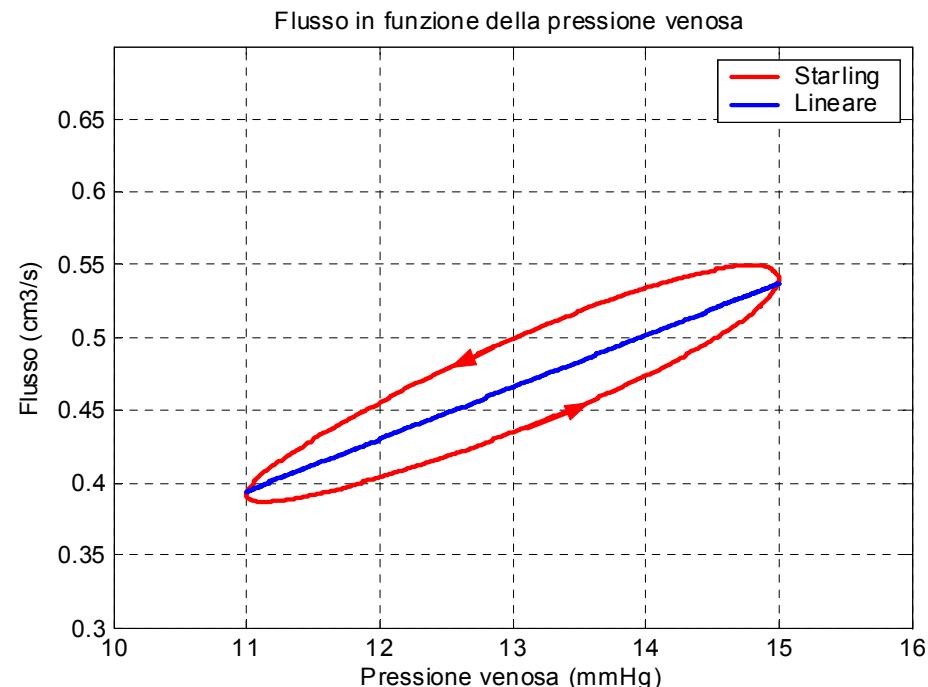
Differenza: **0.0479 cm<sup>3</sup>**

## Resistore lineare

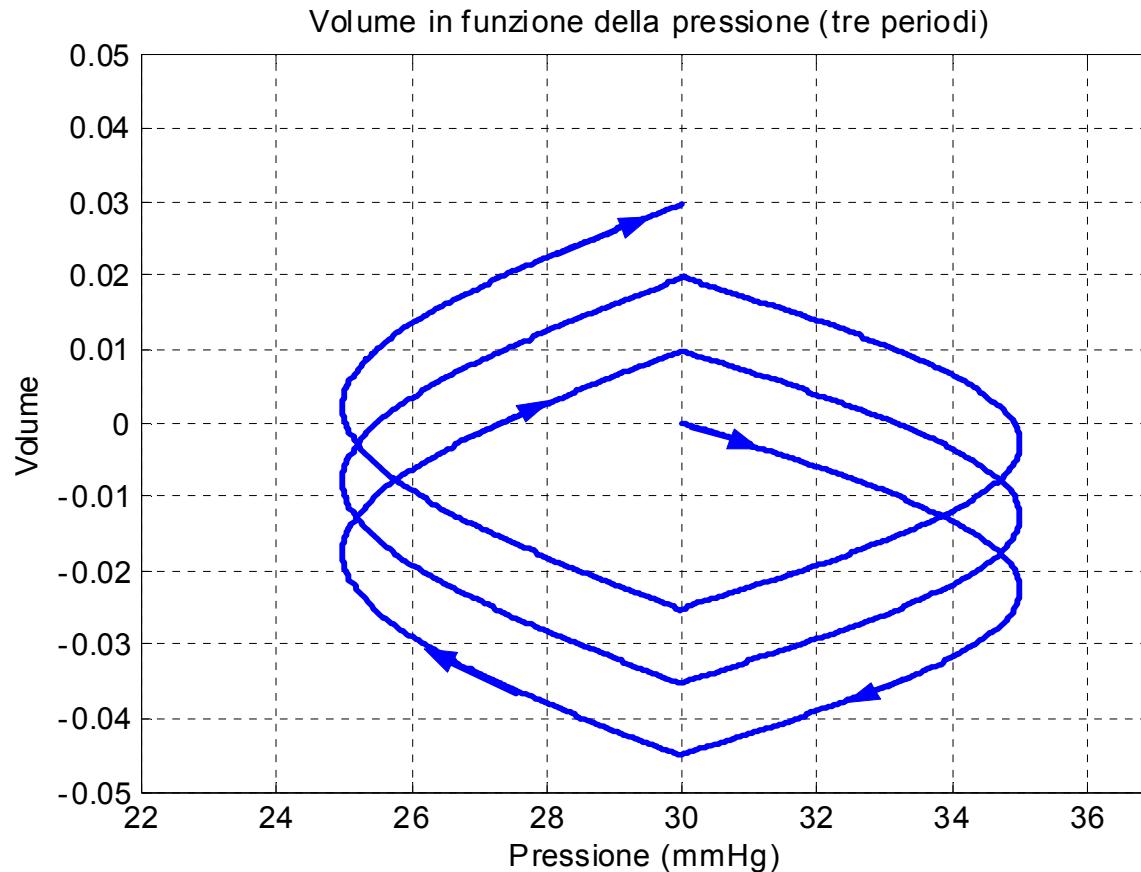
Flusso in sistole:  $0.2560 \text{ cm}^3$

Flusso in diastole:  $0.2560 \text{ cm}^3$

Differenza: **0.0 cm<sup>3</sup>**



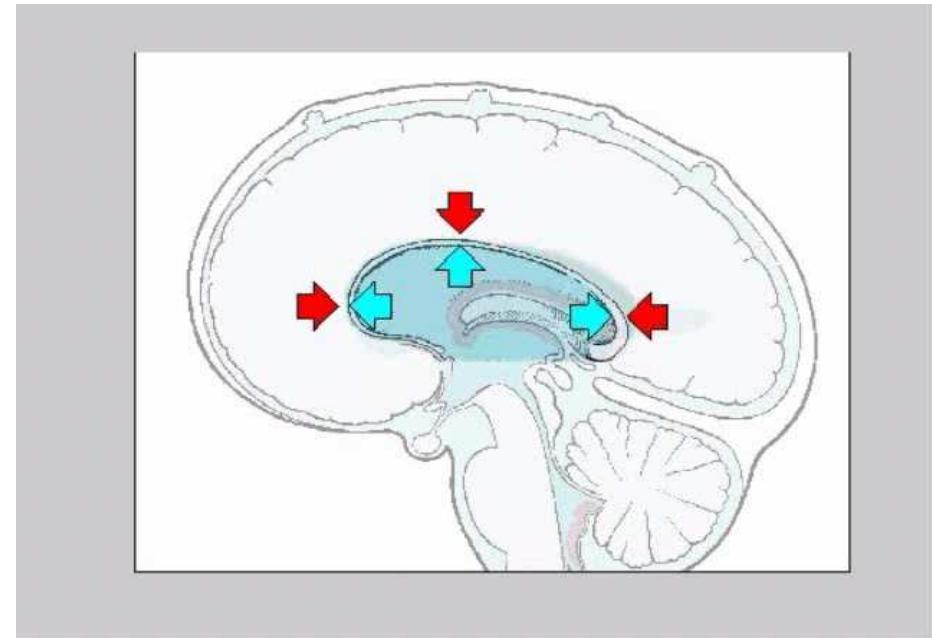
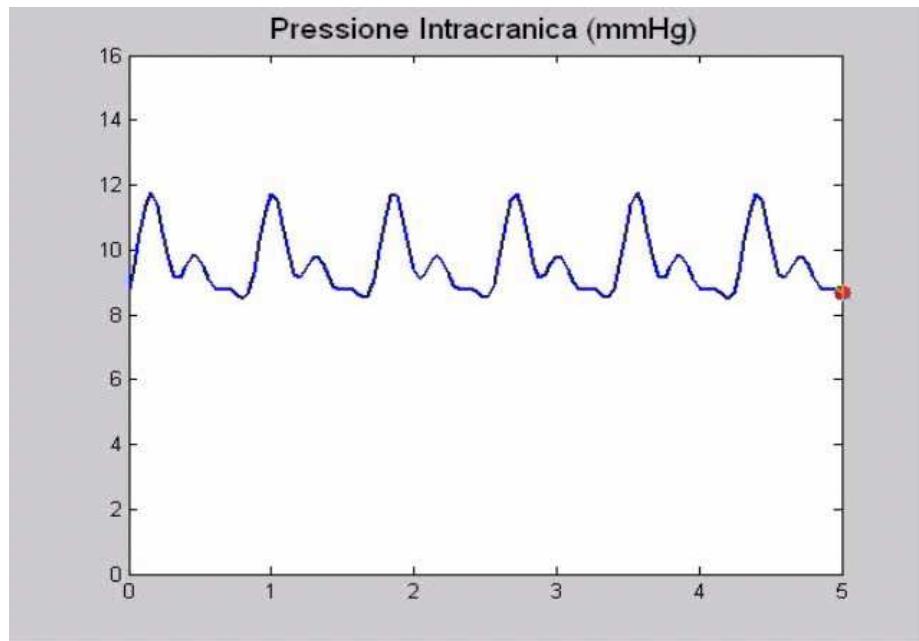
## Asimmetria del parenchima cerebrale



Alla fine di ogni ciclo il volume ventricolare aumenta

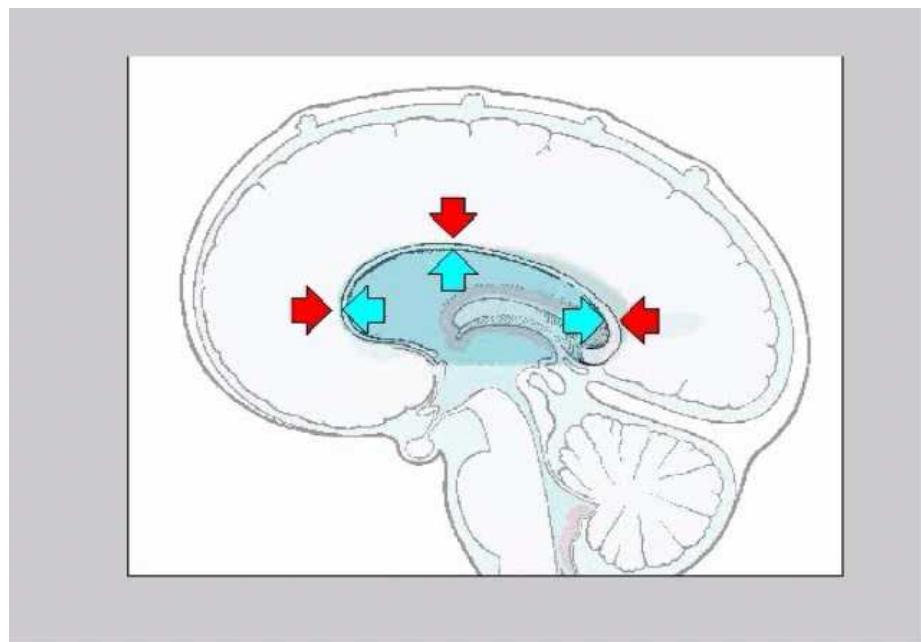
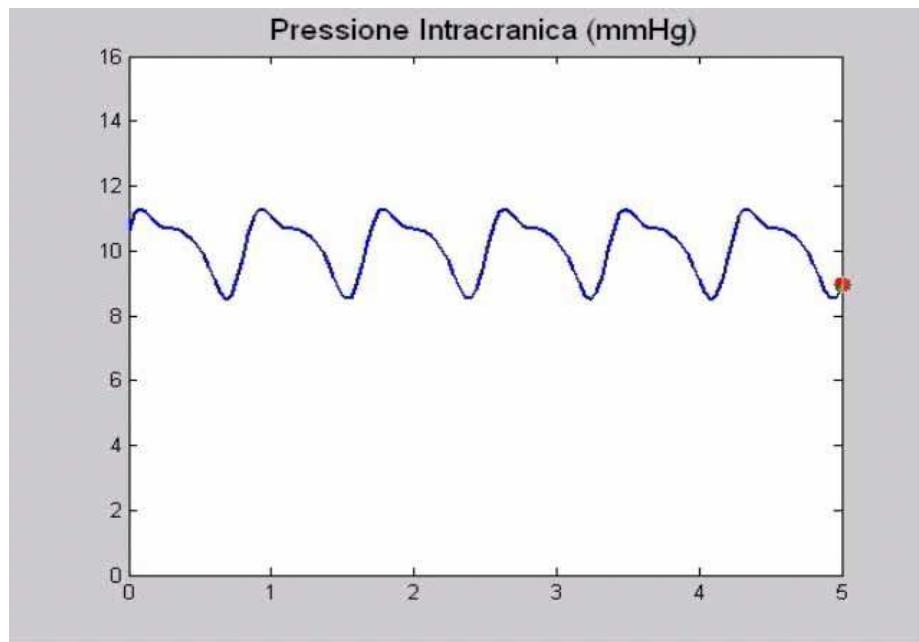
Si raggiunge un equilibrio in funzione delle pressioni medie e dell'ampiezza delle pulsazioni.

# Condizione normale



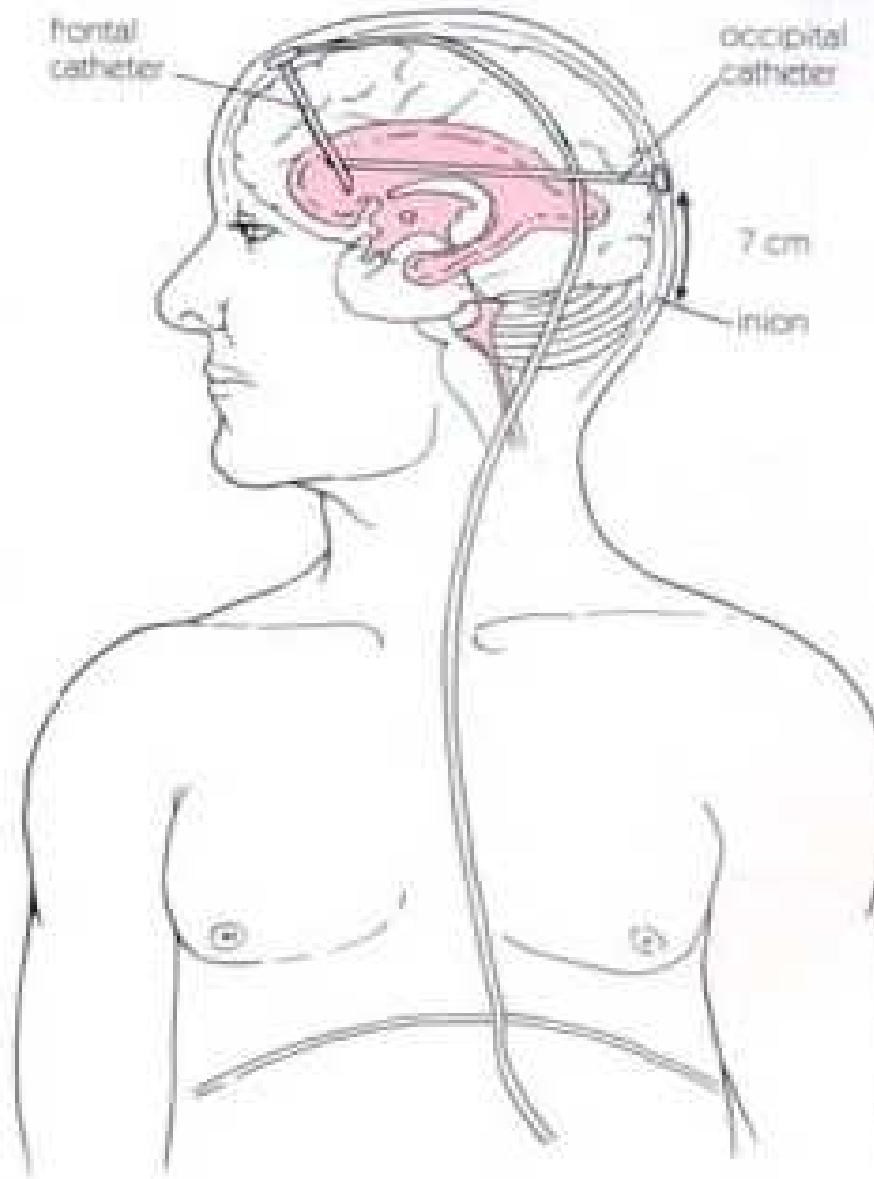
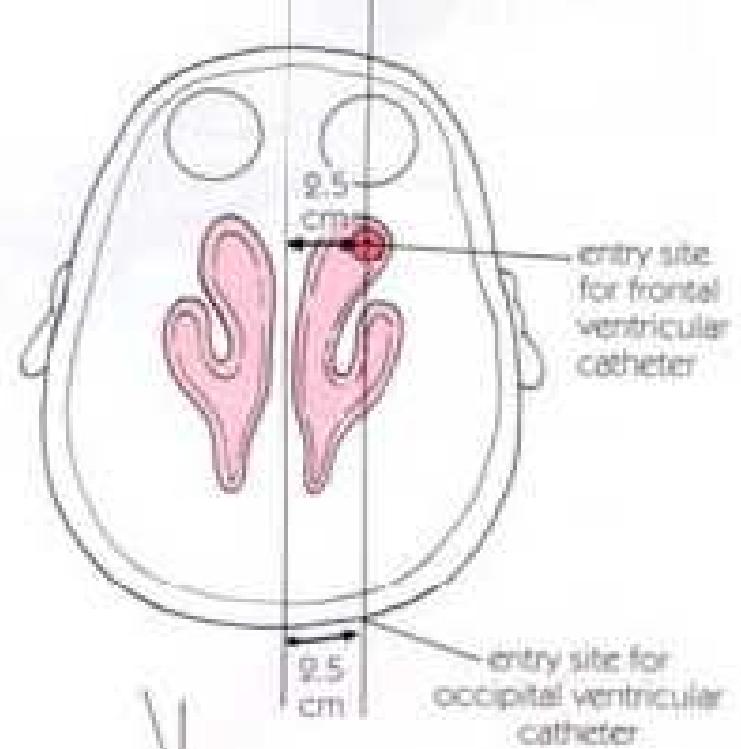
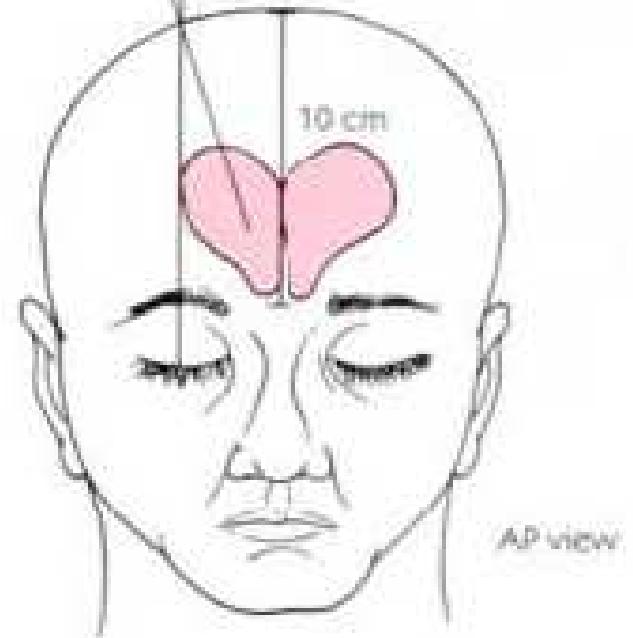
La pressione intracranica è bilanciata dalla pressione intraparenchimale.

# Condizione patologica



L'alterazione delle strutture venose di scarico (resistore di Starling) modifica la forma dell'onda della pressione intracranica.

Lo sbilanciamento con la pressione intraparenchimale produce la dilatazione ventricolare.



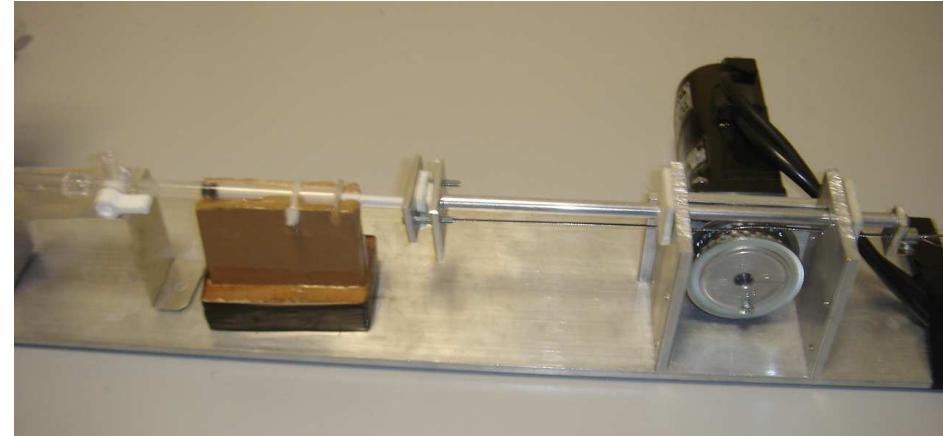
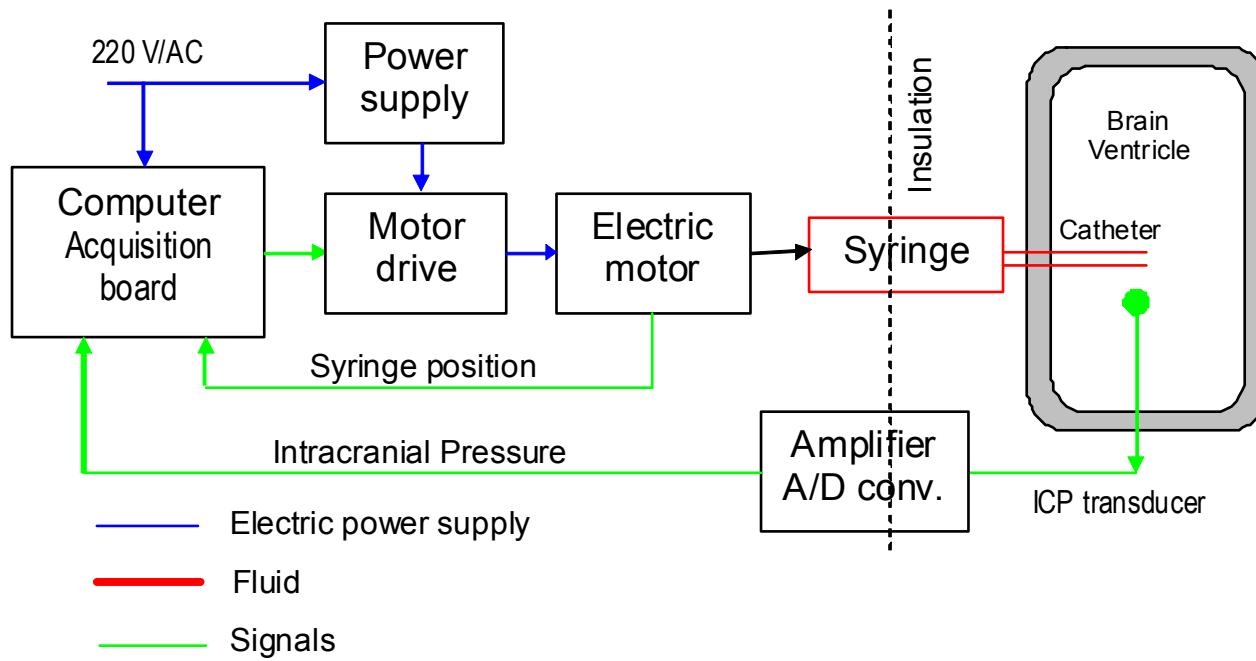
Idiopathic normal pressure hydrocephalus: a systematic review of diagnosis and outcome. Hebb AO and Cusimano MD *Neurosurgery* **49**:1166-1186, 2001.

- *Overall, 59% (...24-100%) of patients improved after shunt placement, and 29% (...10-100%) of patients experienced prolonged or significant improvement.*
- *The ...complication rate was 38% (...5-100%)...*
- *There was a 6% (...0-35%) combined rate of permanent neurological deficit and death.*

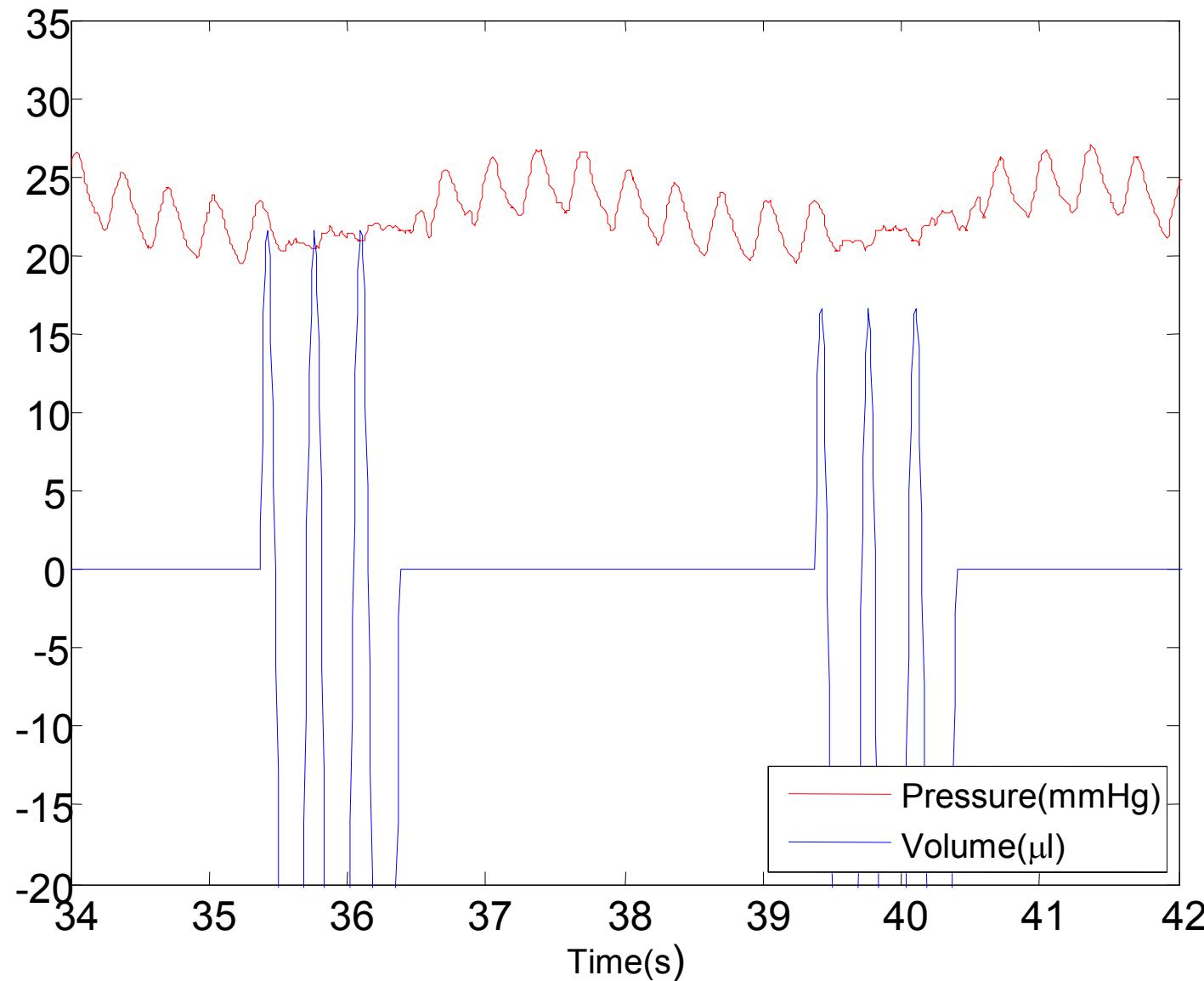
# *The future*

- *The future direction of the CSF shunting is aimed at reducing the morbidity of the overall management of shunt complications.*
- *The hope is a future in which a patient receives only one shunt in his lifetime that is sophisticated enough to control intracranial pressure within normal physiological limits, can be adjusted and monitored noninvasively, and is amenable to minimally noninvasive treatment for shunt obstruction.*

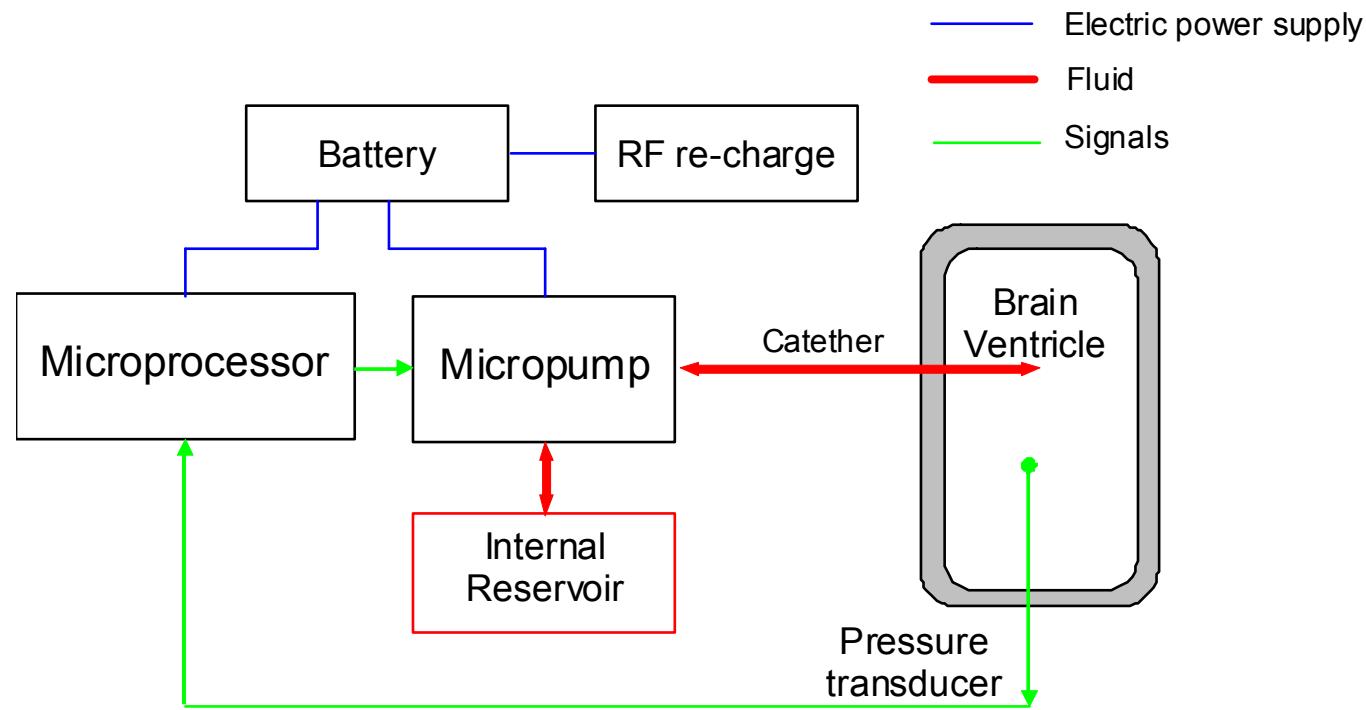
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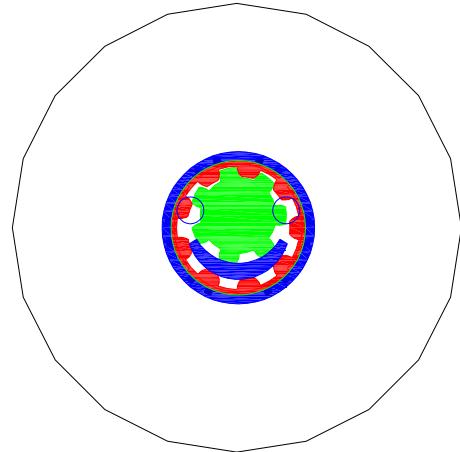
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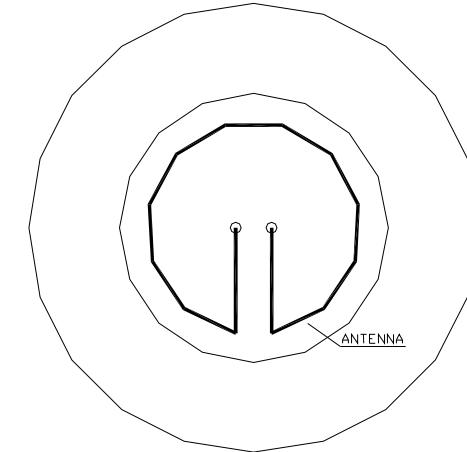
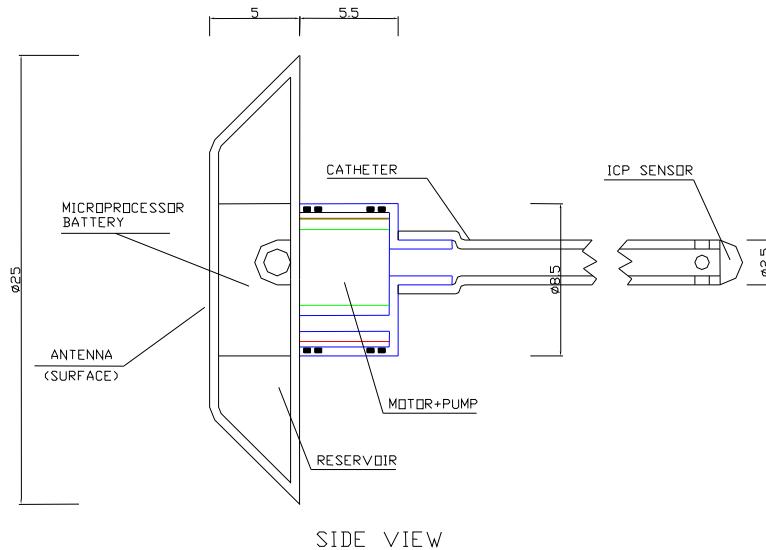
# The implantable device



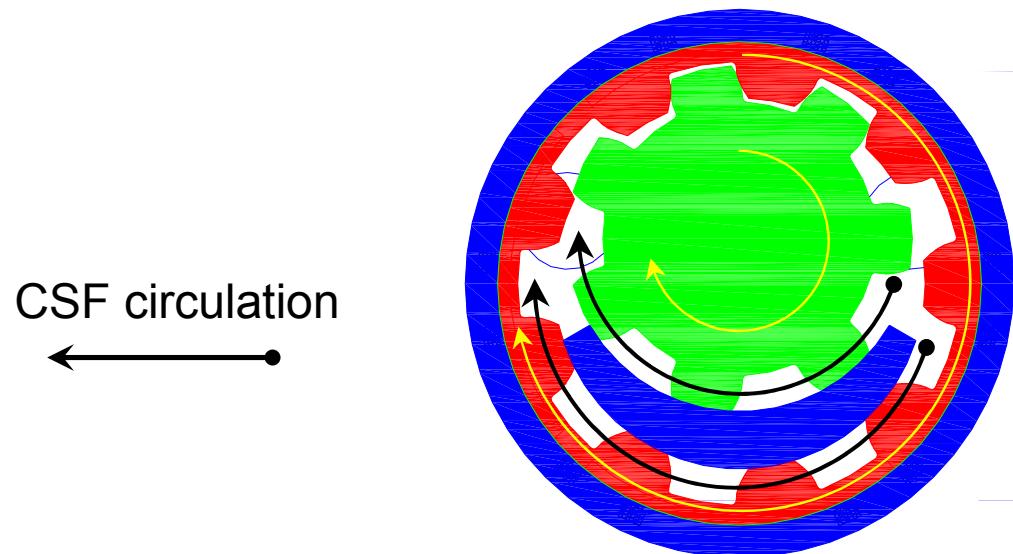
# The implantable device



BOTTOM VIEW

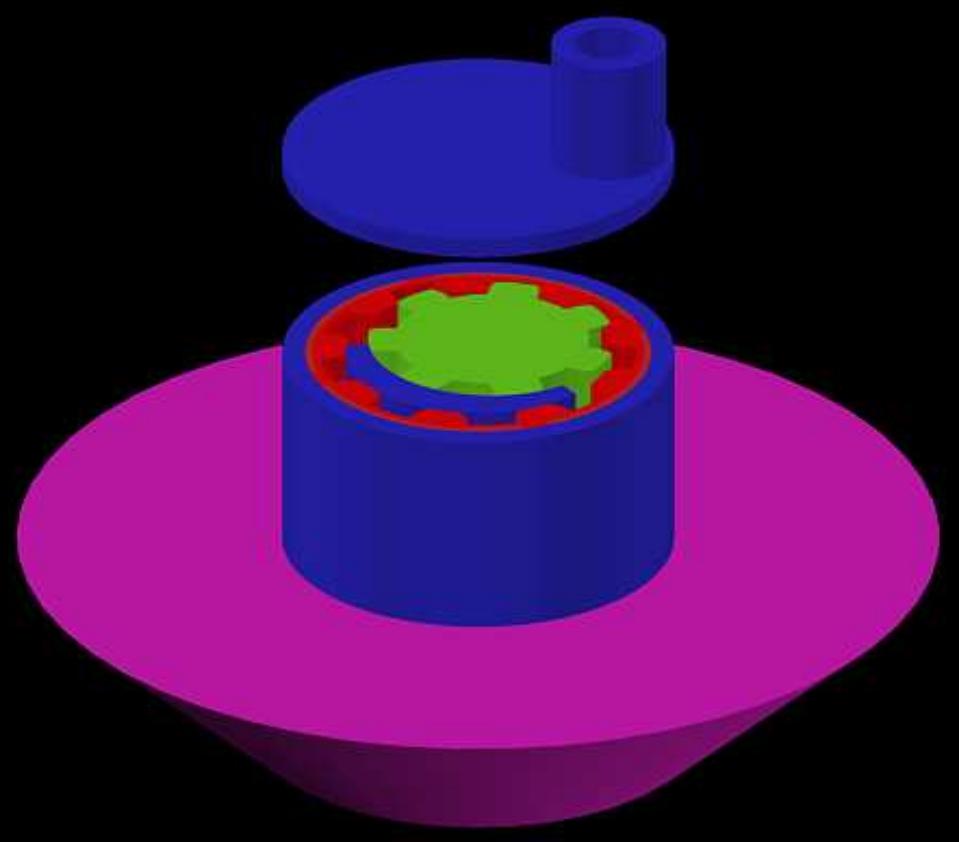
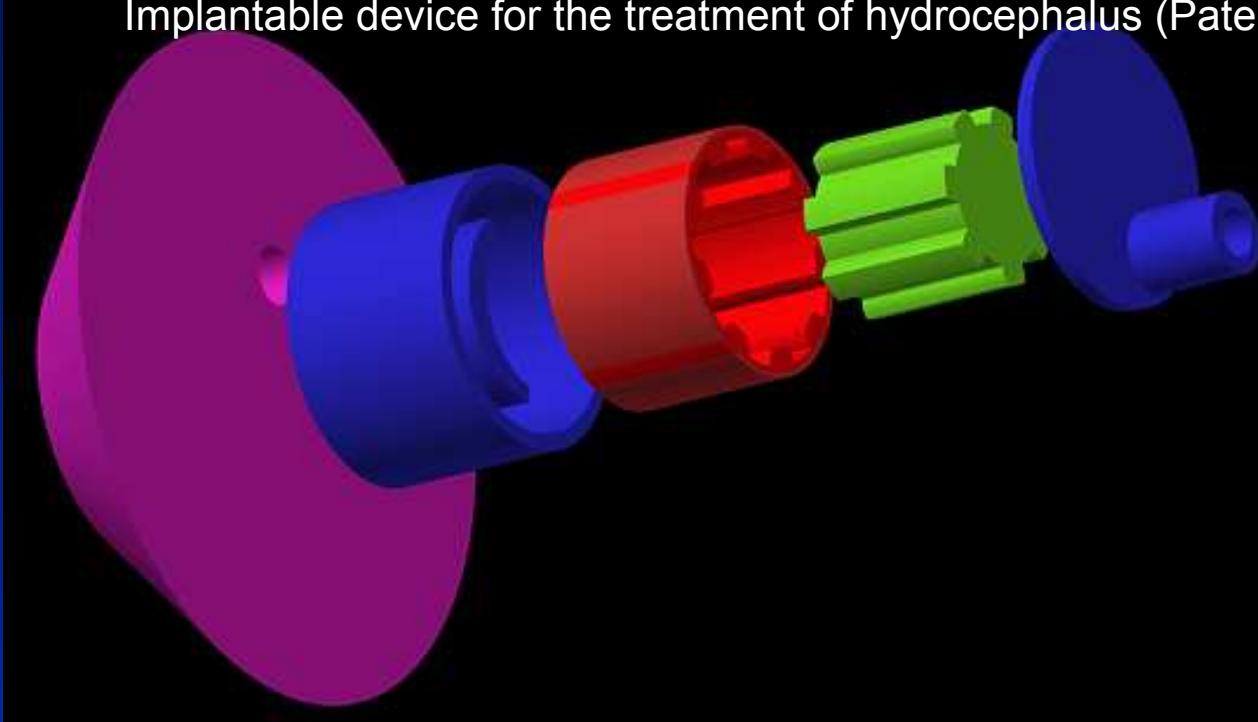


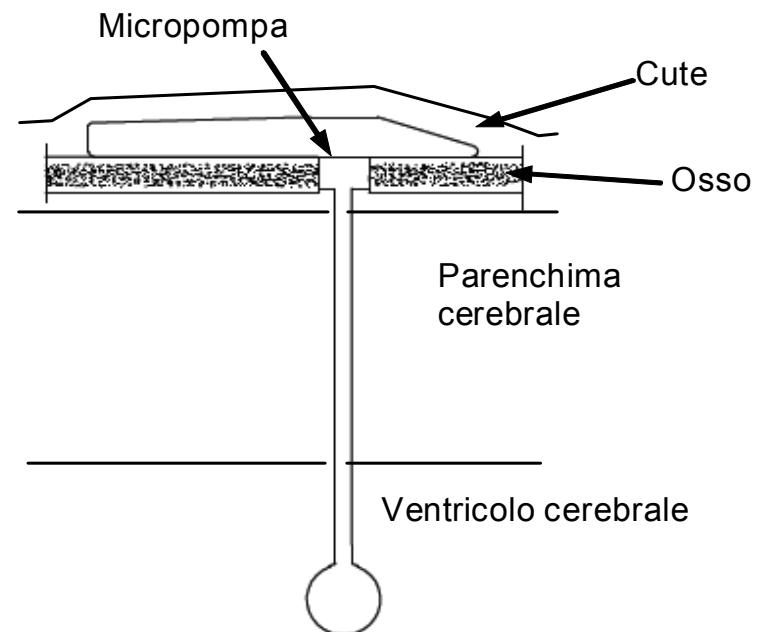
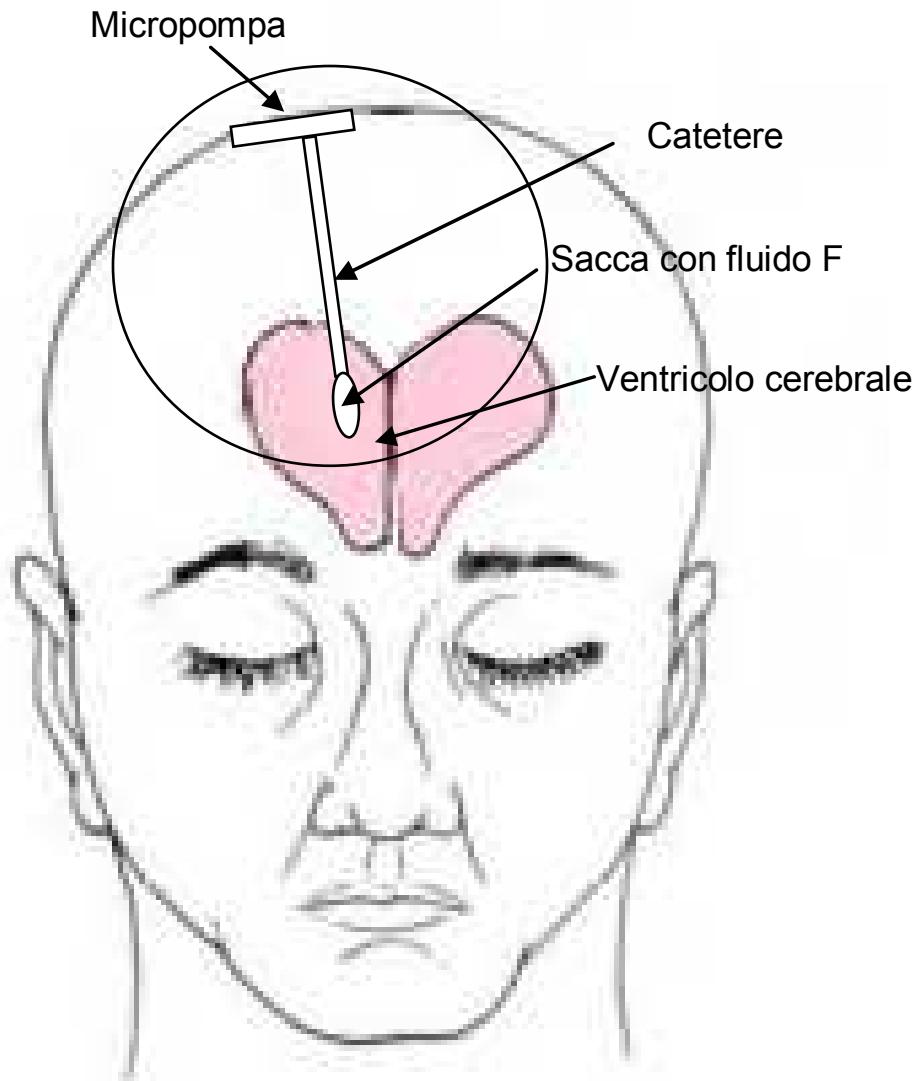
TOP VIEW



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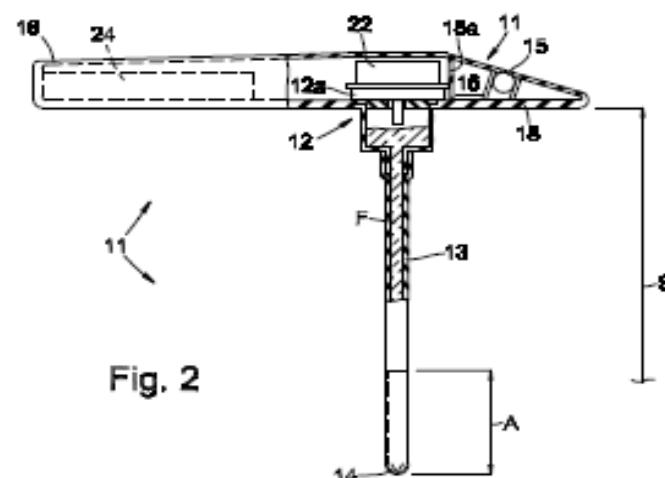


Fig. 2

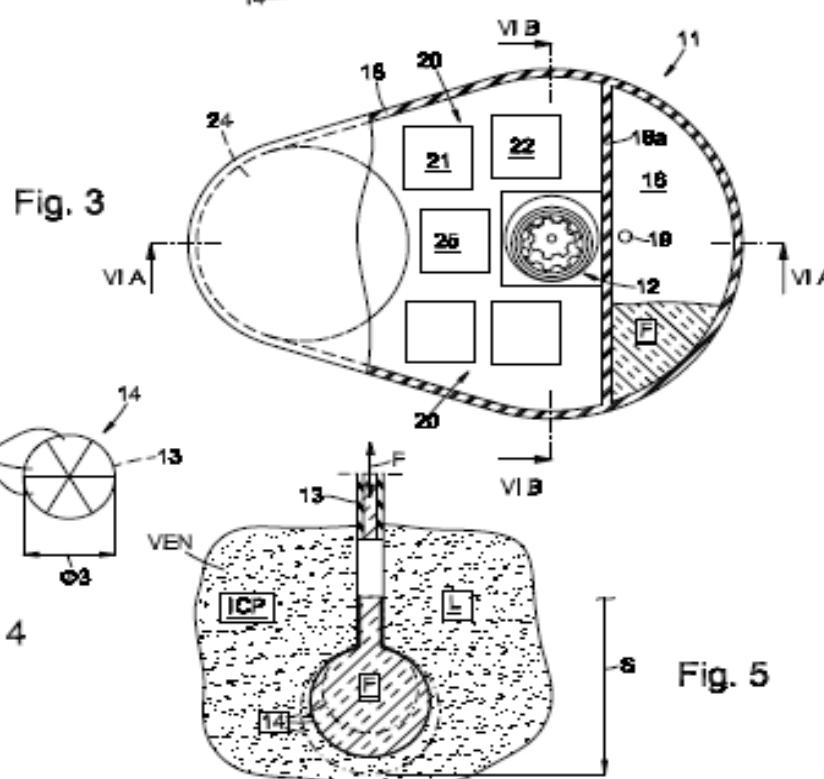


Fig. 3

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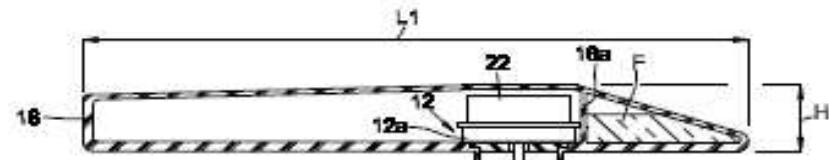


Fig. 6A

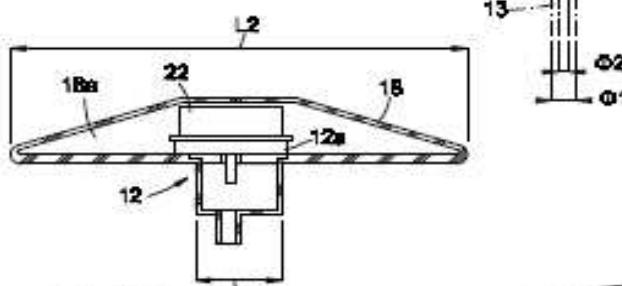


Fig. 6B

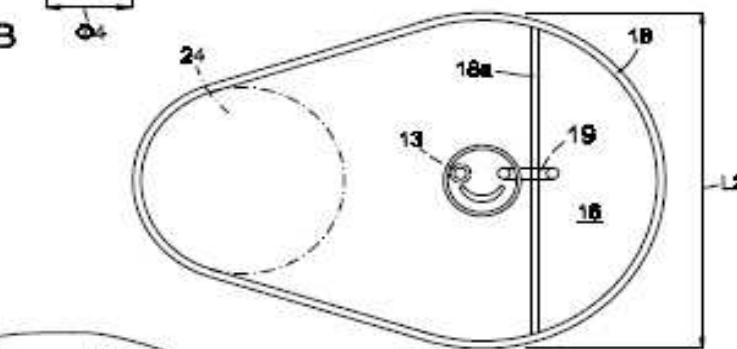


Fig. 6C

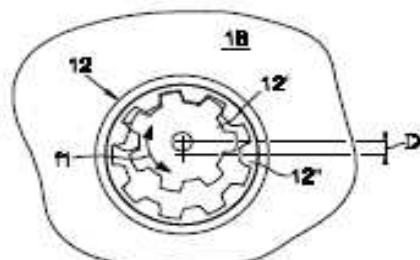


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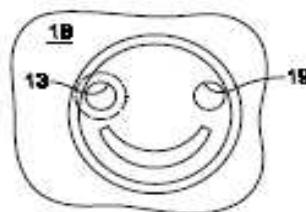
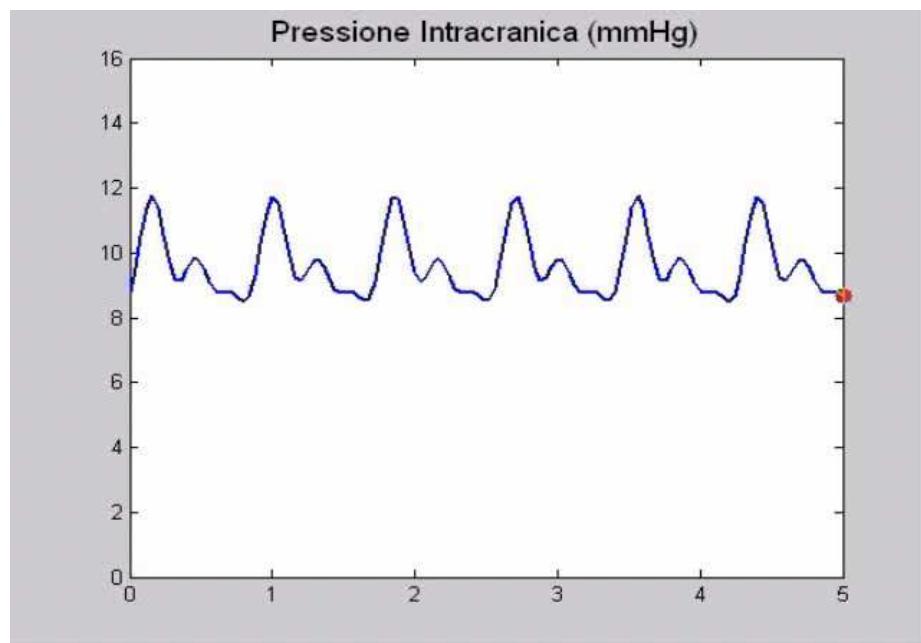


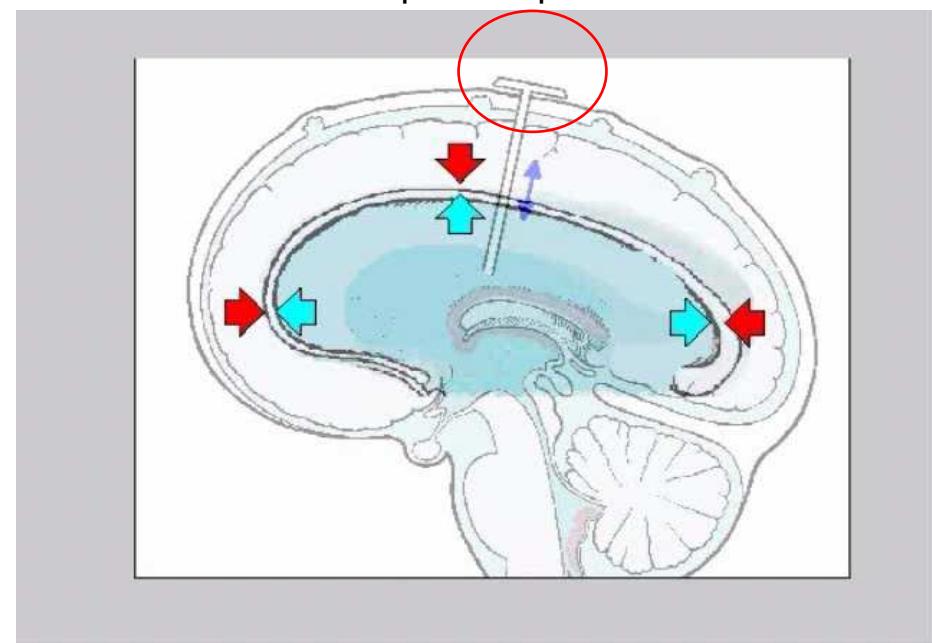
Fig. 7B

# La terapia

Dispositivo impiantabile per il controllo della forma della componente pulsatile della pressione intracranica



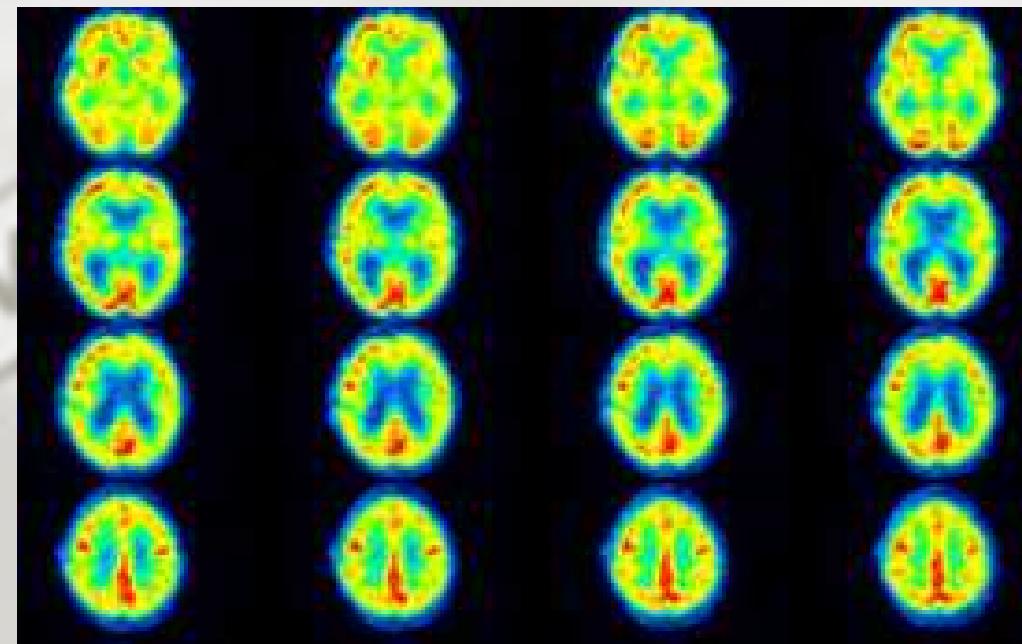
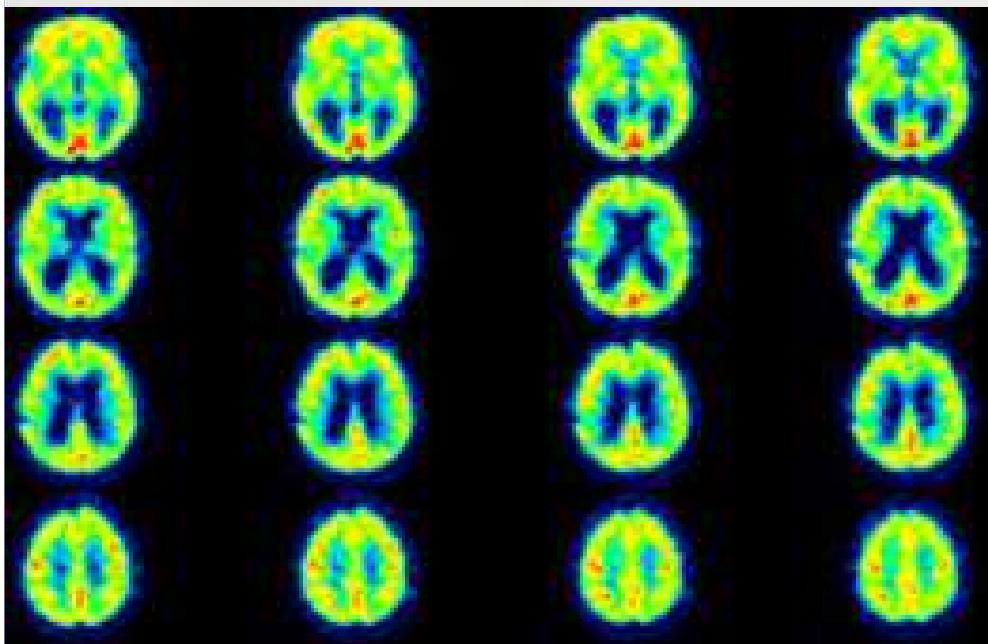
Dispositivo per il trattamento



Ripristinando l'equilibrio tra pressione intracranica e pressione intraparenchimale,  
il ventricolo si riduce di volume.

**Early evaluation of cerebral metabolic rate of glucose (CMR<sub>glu</sub>) with <sup>18</sup>F-FDG PET/CT and clinical assessment in idiopathic normal pressure hydrocephalus (INPH) patients before and after ventricular shunt placement: preliminary experience**

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# Results: CMRglu

