

What Is Pituitary Disease?

If the pituitary gland is damaged or not working properly this can affect the messages sent to the other glands.

What Causes the Pituitary Gland Not To Work?

Damage to the pituitary gland is often caused by tumours called adenomas. These are benign tumors (not cancerous). An adenoma can sometimes grow quite large, but almost never spreads to other parts of the body. Pituitary adenomas can cause hormonal problems either by making extra hormones themselves or by preventing the normal pituitary gland function. The pituitary gland can also be damaged by other means such as trauma, infiltrates, radiotherapy and surgery.

How Do You Know If You Have An Adenoma?

Doctors may suspect pituitary disease if there is clinical evidence of hormone excess, hormone deficiencies, or visual changes such as “blinkered” vision.



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