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Hepatic Encephalopathy

Medical Condition

A brain disorder due to advanced liver diseases



A loss of brain function as a result of failure in the removal of toxins from the blood due to liver damage.

🏠 Rare (Fewer than 200,000 cases per year in US)

🧪 Requires lab test or imaging

🩺 Treatment from medical professional advised

🕒 Can last several days or weeks

Caused by liver failure or infections. Symptoms include confusion, unconsciousness and changes in personality. Treatment includes medication and liver transplant in severe cases.

Symptoms

Symptoms can occur gradually or suddenly depending on the stage the disease has reached