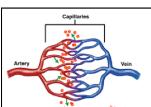
Arteriovenous Malformation



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Definition:

A tangle of abnormal blood vessels connecting arteries and veins in the brain.



Normal: Arteries carry oxygenated blood from the heart to the brain, and veins carry blood with less oxygen away from the brain and back to the heart.



AVM: blood vessels are tangled and they bypass normal brain tissue and diverts blood from the arteries to the veins.