

To all of our patients,

Dr Milhorat and I are glad about the birth of this new support group.

The goal of Chiari Connection International (CCI) is to provide emotional support and accurate up-to-date scientific information.

About the emotional support, nobody better than a fellow patient can give you that. Often you have felt alone and isolated, confused and scared, under the curse of a mysterious disease. The internet is a blessing in allowing the connection among the Chiari "siblings". Knowing that there is somebody else like you out there, makes you feel more courageous, in this ongoing fight.

Unfortunately though, good intentions and improvised study often do not produce accurate information. Too often, in the past, well intended Chiarians have passed along distorted or inaccurate information, on the grounds of sketchy recollections of their interactions with the specialists. Recurrent topics (like rollercoasters, brain fog, pregnancy, etc.) have cyclically appeared on message boards, without a precise focus or an endpoint. Partisan animosity has sometimes affected objectivity.

The TCI specialists will be a constant and systematic presence on this group, to allow access to accurate scientific information, from full time Chiari experts.

The format with which the information will be presented will go beyond the simple posting. But we do not want to spoil the upcoming surprises.

Please subscribe to one of the following groups that best suits your needs.

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ChiariConnectionInternational/>

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/CCIparents/?yguid=124775342>

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/CCIkids/>

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