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Superior Vena Cava Syndrome

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Source

National Cancer Institute. *Superior Vena Cava Syndrome*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C3396.

Obstruction of the blood flow in the superior vena cava caused by a malignant neoplasm, thrombosis, or aneurysm. It is a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment. Signs and symptoms include swelling and cyanosis of the face, neck, and upper arms, cough, orthopnea, and headache.