

[Open Peer Review on Qeios](#)

# Waterhouse-Friderichsen Syndrome

National Cancer Institute

## Source

National Cancer Institute. *Waterhouse-Friderichsen Syndrome*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C85225.

A serious disorder characterized by massive adrenal gland hemorrhage secondary to a bacterial infection, most often *Neisseria meningitidis* infection. It is manifested with decreased blood pressure, shock, disseminated intravascular coagulation, and adrenocortical insufficiency.