Reye's Syndrome

Reye's Syndrome is a very rare disorder that is characterised by symptoms which usually occur following a viral infection. Early symptoms include continuous vomiting, listlessness, drowsiness, irritability, confusion, irrational behaviour or convulsions. If left untreated this can lead to permanent brain damage or death. Reye's syndrome mainly affects those under 20 years of age.

A number of metabolic disorders have symptoms which mimic those of Reye’s Syndrome. Therefore it is recommended that all children and young people who present with these symptoms should be tested for metabolic disorders. Early recognition and treatment is essential for Reye Syndrome and for any underlying metabolic disorder.

Information and support on Reye's Syndrome can be provided by the National Reye’s Syndrome Foundation UK.

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