

Median prosencephalic vein

The median prosencephalic vein is a precursor to the [vein of Galen](#), and usually regresses before birth. If an arterio-venous fistula exists, it balloons out to become the 'aneurysmal' [vein of Galen malformation](#). This occurs since the vein is thin-walled, lies free within the subarachnoid space, and is unable to accommodate the arterial flow.

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