

Subdural space

The subdural space (or subdural cavity) is a potential space that can be opened by the separation of the [arachnoid mater](#) from the [dura mater](#) as the result of trauma, pathologic process, or the absence of cerebrospinal fluid as seen in a cadaver. In the cadaver, due to the absence of cerebrospinal fluid in the subarachnoid space, the arachnoid mater falls away from the dura mater. It may also be the site of trauma, such as a subdural hematoma, causing abnormal separation of dura and arachnoid mater. Hence, the subdural space is referred to as “potential” or “artificial” space.

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