

The majority of respondents felt that they in fact have arachnoiditis but have been unable to get a diagnosis. In some cases, they have been trying for years and have been left without any diagnosis whatsoever.

The results demonstrate the similarity of the symptoms to those of diagnosed arachnoiditis cases; however, it must be acknowledged that many of the symptoms are non-specific.

Obviously, further investigation (examination and tests) is not possible in this postal survey, but it might be of considerable use in future research.

Note that the risk factors were the criteria for inclusion in the survey, not just the symptomatology.