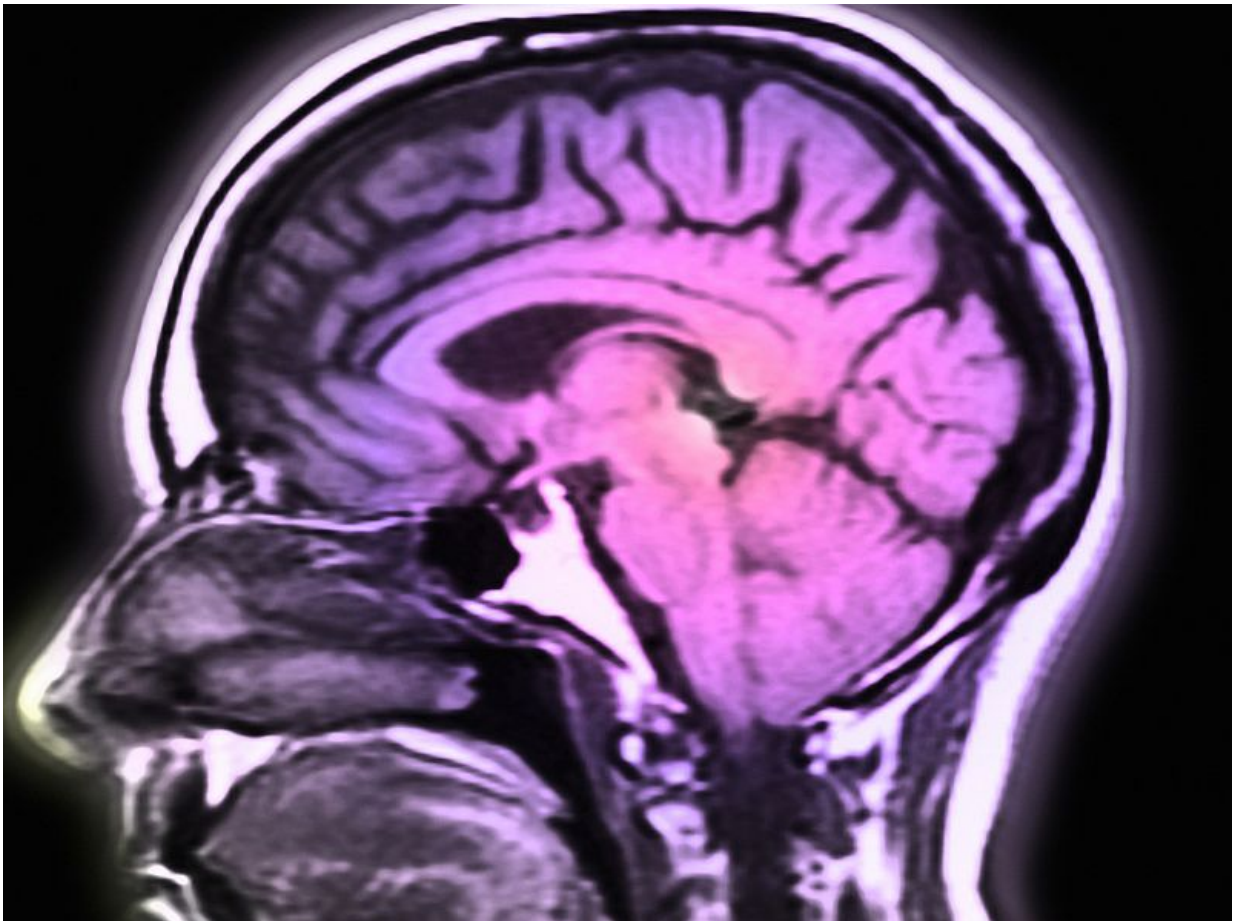


Small unruptured intracranial aneurysms grow slowly

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(HealthDay)—Small unruptured intracranial aneurysms (UIAs) have low

growth and rupture rates, according to a review published online June 6 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Ajay Malhotra, M.D., from the Yale School of Medicine and Yale University in New Haven, Conn., and colleagues conducted a systematic literature review and summarized evidence relating to the growth and rupture risk of UIAs 7 mm and smaller and rupture risks for very-small and small aneurysms (≤ 3 and ≤ 5 mm, respectively). Five, 10, and eight studies described the rate of growth of aneurysms that were ≤ 3 mm, ≤ 5 mm, and ≤ 7 mm, respectively, while rupture rates were reported in seven, 11, and 13 studies, respectively.

The researchers found that in all but one study, the annualized growth rate was less than 3 percent for all three size categories. For the three size categories, the annualized rupture rate was 0,

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