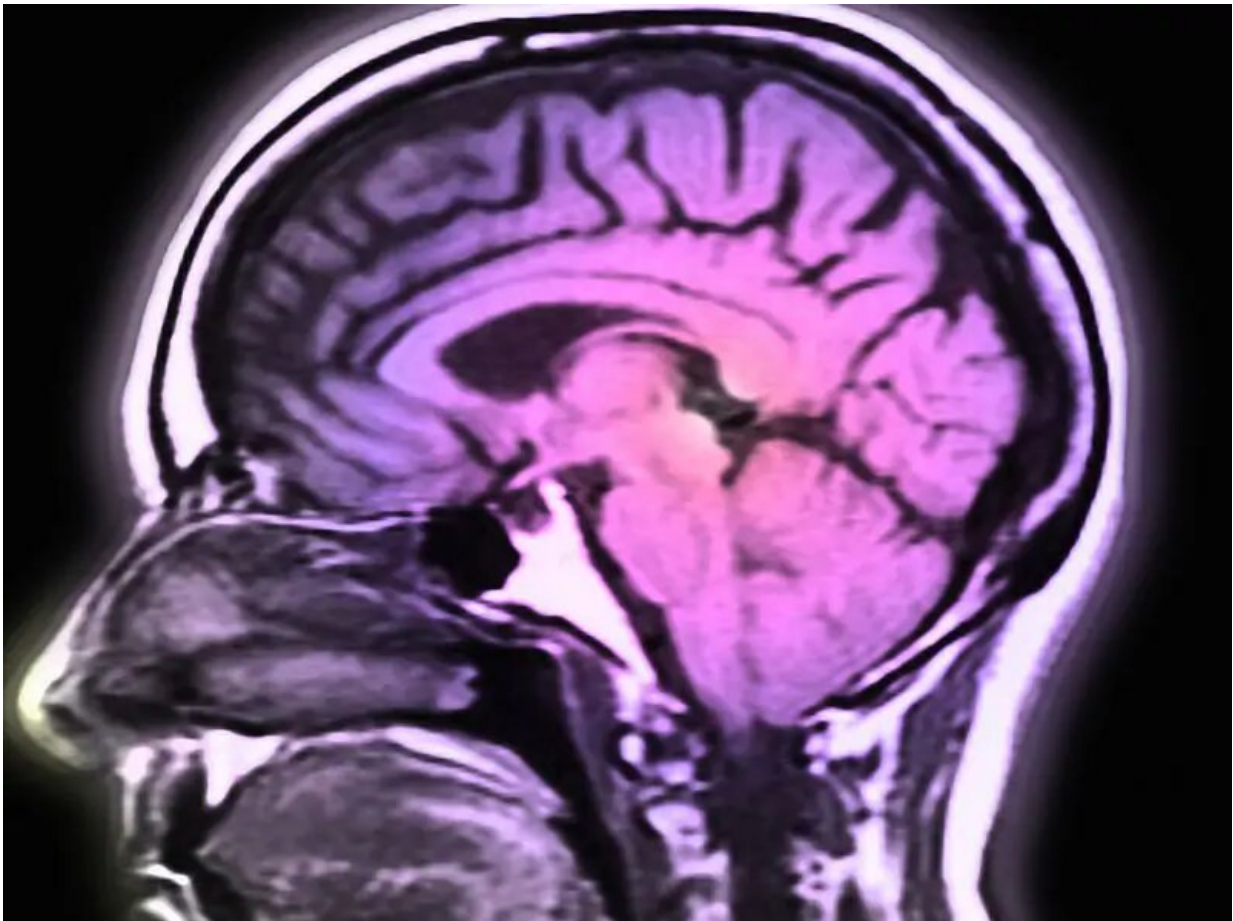


North Carolina man dies of brain-eating amoeba after visiting water park

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(HealthDay)—The rare brain-eating amoeba *Naegleria fowleri* has been

confirmed as the cause of death of a North Carolina man.

Health officials said the man became sick after swimming in a manmade lake at Fantasy Lake Water Park in Cumberland County on July 12, *CBS News* reported.

The infection was caused by the amoeba naturally present in warm freshwater during the summer, the state Department of Health and Human Resources said in a news release. Infection can occur when amoeba-contaminated water enters the body through the nose, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The condition remains very rare: Just 145 people in the United States are known to have been infected with the amoeba from 1962 through 2018, [health officials](#) noted.

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