Conversion disorder can occur in either sex at any age. An uncommon disorder, it usually begins in adolescence or early adulthood. The conversion symptom itself isn't life-threatening and usually has a short duration. Causes. The patient suddenly develops the conversion symptom soon after experiencing a traumatic conflict that he believes he can't handle. Two theories explain why this occurs. The symptoms of conversion disorder involve the loss of one or more bodily functions. These may include blindness, paralysis or the inability to speak. The loss of physical function is involuntary and diagnostic testing does not...
show a physical cause for the dysfunction. Treatment.