Chiari symptoms are often complicated by related conditions: syringomyelia, tethered cord, intracranial hypertension, bony abnormalities, and genetic disorders, being the most common.

A 2004 study of 265 adult patients (Mueller,Oro) documented the wide range of symptoms that can accompany Chiari. 13 symptoms were reported by more than half of the patients.

Headache was the most commonly reported symptom with 98% of the group claiming they suffered from them.

20%-50% reported depression, body weakness, balance problems, memory problems, leg/foot numbness, hoarse voice, chest pain, facial numbness, anxiety, slurred speech, arm pain, abdominal pain, and photophobia.

Less than 20% reported tachycardia, trouble hearing, vomiting, double vision, vision loss, blackouts, apnea, vertigo, loss of peripheral vision, nystagmus, earache, snoring, thoracic pain, hypotension, wake up choking, leg pain, palpitations, hypertension, gag reflex, and face pain/tingling.