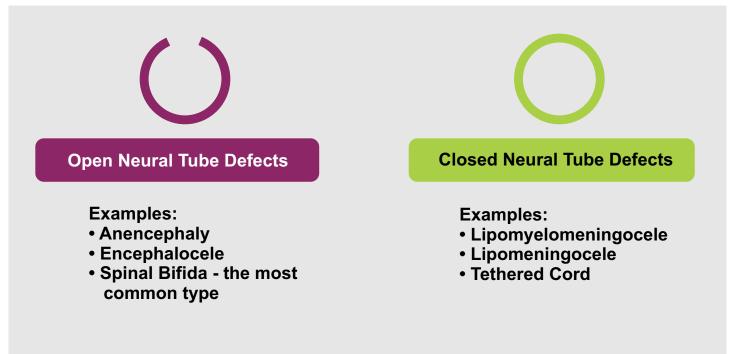


Section 5 - Congenital Anomalies

5.3.5 Common Congenital Anomalies - Neural Tube Defects



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Neural tube defects are a group of congenital abnormalities of the central nervous system that result when the bony structure that encloses the spinal cord (the vertebra) does not close completely. The causes of neural tube defects are multifactorial and are influenced by geography, ethnicity, genetics, and nutrition.

