

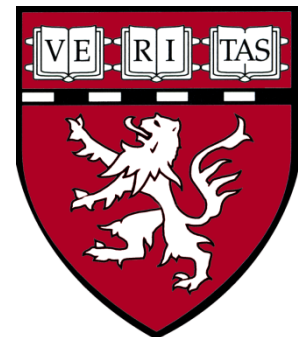
# Movement Disorders Fox & Hedgehog

*- Video Show & Tell (Fox Part) -*

*- Focus on Essential Tremor and Parkinson's Disease (Hedgehog Part) -*

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8. Video ballad of movement disorders



# Movement Disorders: A Phenomenological Category

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## MOVEMENT DISORDERS

**Paucity of voluntary  
and automatic  
movement**

**Drug-induced  
parkinsonism**

**Parkinson's**

**Parkinson's Plus**

**Others (e.g: Wilson's)**

**Excess movement:  
dyskinesia**

**Jerks**

**Dystonia**

**TREMOR**



# The 3 Most Important Things in Movement Disorders

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# Describing Movement Disorders

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- Anyone can describe a movement disorder
- Observe patient at rest, in waiting room
- Hypokinetic? Hyperkinetic?
- Spontaneous movements, also while distracted
- If any movements present, **be descriptive!**
- Describe location, frequency, speed, amplitude
- Aggravating/alleviating factors

# Prevalence of Movement Disorders: Population Studies

Movement Disorder	Prevalence (100,000) in population	Reference
Restless legs syndrome	5,000 - 15,000	Yeh et al., <i>Sleep Breath</i> (2012) 16: 987-1007
Essential tremor	900	Louis & Ferreira, <i>Mov Dis</i> (2010) 25: 534-541
Tourette's syndrome	770 (children); 50 (adults)	Knight et al., <i>Ped Neuro</i> (2012) 47: 77-90
Parkinson's disease	300	de Lau & Breteler, <i>Lancet Neuro</i> (2006) 5: 525-35; Nussbaum & Ellis, <i>New Eng J Med</i> (2003) 348: 1356-64
Primary dystonia	33	Nutt et al., <i>Mov Dis</i> (1988) 3: 188-194
Blepharospasm	13.3	Defazio et al., <i>Neurology</i> (2001) 56: 1579-1581
Hemifacial spasm	7.4 - 14.5	Auger & Wishnant, <i>Arch Neurol</i> (1990) 47: 1233-34
Hereditary ataxia	6	Schoenberg et al., <i>The Inherited Ataxias - Adv Neurol</i> (1978) 21: 15-32
Huntington's disease	5.7	Pringsheim et al., <i>Mov Dis</i> (2012) 27: 1083-1091
Wilson's disease	3	Reilly et al., <i>J Neurol Neurosurg &amp; Psych</i> (1993) 56: 298-300

Updated Fahn & Jankovic *Principles and Practice of Movement Disorders* (2007) Churchill Livingstone Elsevier



# Case mix in Movement Disorders Clinic Cohorts

<b>Movement Disorder</b>	<b>% cases</b>
Parkinsonism	32.9
Dystonia	31.3
Tremor	13.9
Tics (Tourette's)	4.7
Chorea	3.1
Tardive syndromes	2.7
Myoclonus	2.5
Psychogenic movement disorder	2
Hemifacial spasm	1.7
Ataxia	1.5
Paroxysmal dyskinesias	0.8
Stereotypies (other than tardive dyskinesias)	0.7
Restless legs syndrome	0.5
Stiff-person syndrome	0.1

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## Need to know: muscle tone

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- Testing: manipulate joint through full range of movement
- Normal tone
- Rigidity
  - *constant* = “lead pipe”
  - *intermittent* = “cogwheeling”
- Spasticity usually indicates corticospinal damage
- Hypotonia: can be a sign of cerebellar disease
- contractures in hypokinetic disorders, dystonia





# Case 1: “I cannot hold my coffee cup!”

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- FHx: “My whole family shakes at Thanksgiving dinner...”
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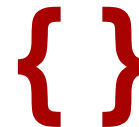
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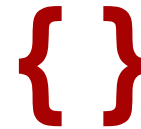


- Sudden, brief, shock-like involuntary movements
- Caused by muscular contractions: positive [...]
- Caused by inhibitions: negative [...], e.g. asterixis
- Can be a form of seizure

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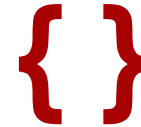
- “Voluntary” in nature
- Abnormal movements (motor [...]), abnormal sounds (phonic [...]), or combination
- Simple or complex. Simple [...] difficult to distinguish from myoclonic or choreic jerks, but tend to be repetitive.



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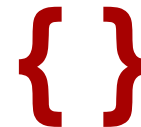
- Twisting movements which tend to be sustained at the peak of movement
- Frequently repetitive, often progress to abnormal postures
- Simultaneous contraction of agonist and antagonist muscles



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- Involuntary, irregular, purposeless, non-rhythmic, abrupt, rapid, unsustained movements that flow from one body part to another
- To be differentiated from: tics, myoclonus, dystonia
- Prototype: Huntington's



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## {DISCUSSION}

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# Classification of Hyperkinesias

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- Akathisia
- Ataxia
- Athetosis
- Ballism
- Chorea
- Dysmetria
- Dystonia
- Hemifacial spasm
- Hyperekplexia
- Hypnogenic dyskinesias
- Myoclonus
- Moving toes/fingers
- Paroxysmal dyskinesias
- Restless legs
- Stereotypy
- Stiff-muscles
- Tics
- Tremor



# Definition of Tremor

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- An oscillating movement affecting one or more body parts
- Rhythmic and regular

# Types of Tremor

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- Rest tremor
- Action tremor
- Postural tremor
- Intention tremor
- Task-specific tremor

# Drug-Induced Tremor

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- Anti epileptic drugs
- Tetrabenazine (dopamine depleting)
- Antidepressants
- Lithium
- Methylphenidate
- Antibiotics: fluoroquinolones (levoflox; cipro etc)

# Enhanced Physiologic Tremor

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- Affects most individuals
- Affected by a number of stressors including fatigue, anxiety etc

# Case 1: Essential Tremor - Need to Know

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- Symmetric postural tremor - 4 to 10 Hz
- Arms most predominant; other body parts also affected
- In most, beneficial response to alcohol
- 10% > 70 yo affected
- Strong family history

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# Case 1: Essential Tremor - Management

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- Is tremor affecting activities of daily living? Social interactions?
- Know when to refer to a neurologist

# Essential Tremor - Propranolol and Other Beta Blockers

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- Perhaps most effective drug for ET
- Other beta blockers may also be effective
- Despite conventional wisdom, no increased risk of depression; small risk of fatigue and sexual dysfunction
- Contraindications: asthma; second-degree atrioventricular block; insulin-dependent diabetes
- Prn use: 20-80 mg before event

# Essential Tremor - Primidone

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- Another effective medication
- Start low, at bedtime, increase slowly (rarely need to go beyond 250 mg a day)
- In difficult cases, can be used in combination with beta blocker



# Essential Tremor - Topiramate and other anti-epileptics

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- Good evidence of efficacy
- Start low dose at night - some studies have found benefit in up to 400 mg/day, but 100 mg/day divided in bid dosing could work well
- Side effects: weight loss (22%); paresthesias; cognitive blunting
- Other AEDs: zonisamide and leviteracetam

# Essential Tremor - Gabapentin

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- Studies have broad efficacy profile of gabapentin (effective to no effect)
- Together with leviteracetam, is excreted by kidney; so a consideration in patients with compromised liver, for example

# Essential Tremor - Benzodiazepines

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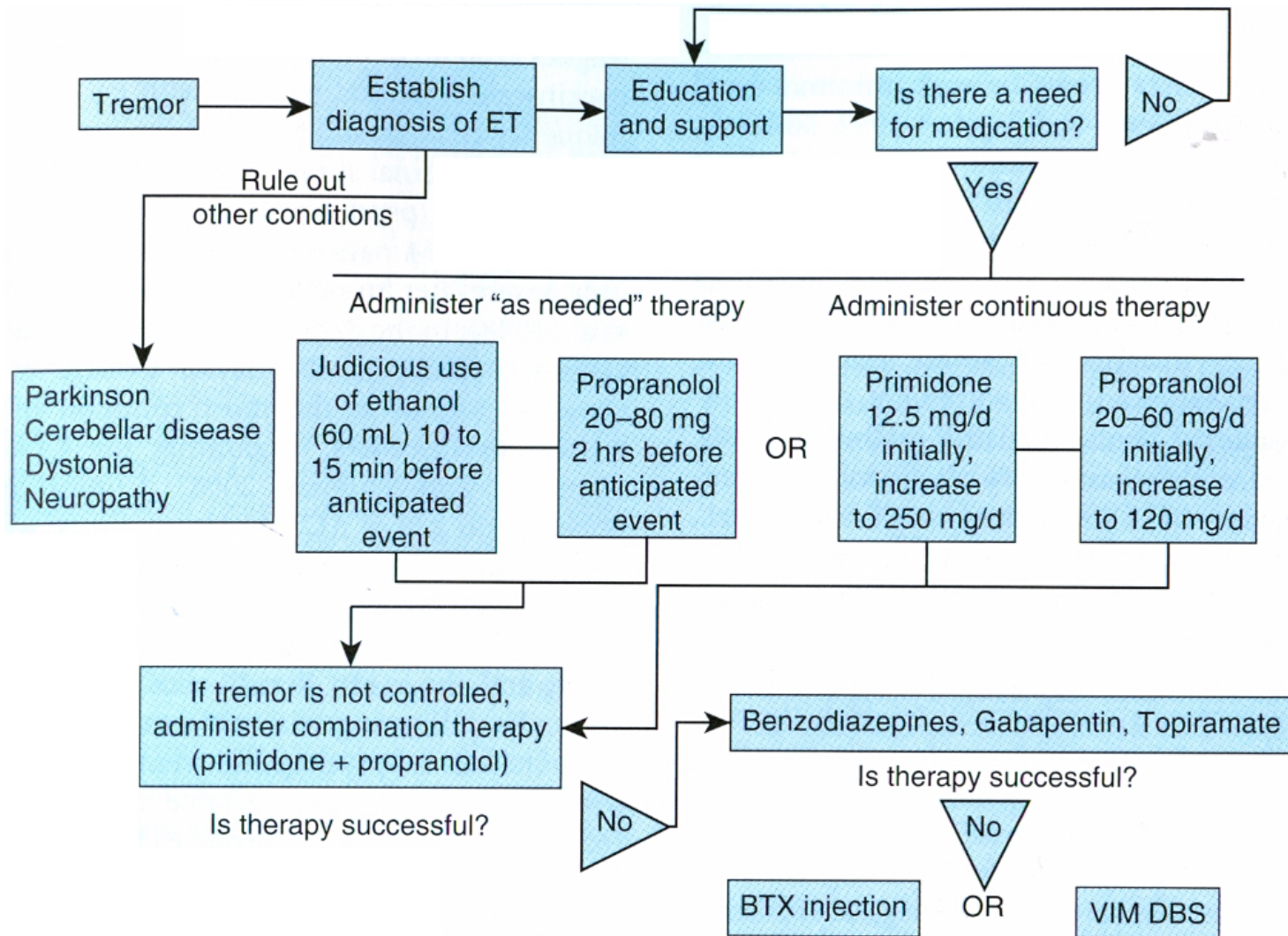
- Effective
- Abuse potential
- Consider in patients who need therapy prn -- need trial runs!

# Essential Tremor - deep brain stimulation

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- For refractory cases
- Thalamus - Vim

# Essential Tremor - Fahn-Jankovic Algorithm



*Principles and Practice of Movement Disorders*  
Fahn & Jankovic (Eds.) (Elsevier)



# Not to miss: Wilson's disease

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- Copper-transporting P-type ATPase (ATP7B)
- The wing-beating tremor; postural and intention
- Other presenting features: liver disease; dystonia; parkinsonism; cognitive impairment; dementia; psychosis
- Diagnosis: Kayser-Fleischer rings; Serum ceruloplasmin; 24-hour urine copper
- Reversible! Not so straightforward. Avoid copper-rich foods. D-penicillamine along with pyridoxine (controversial); others; liver transplant; symptomatic treatment

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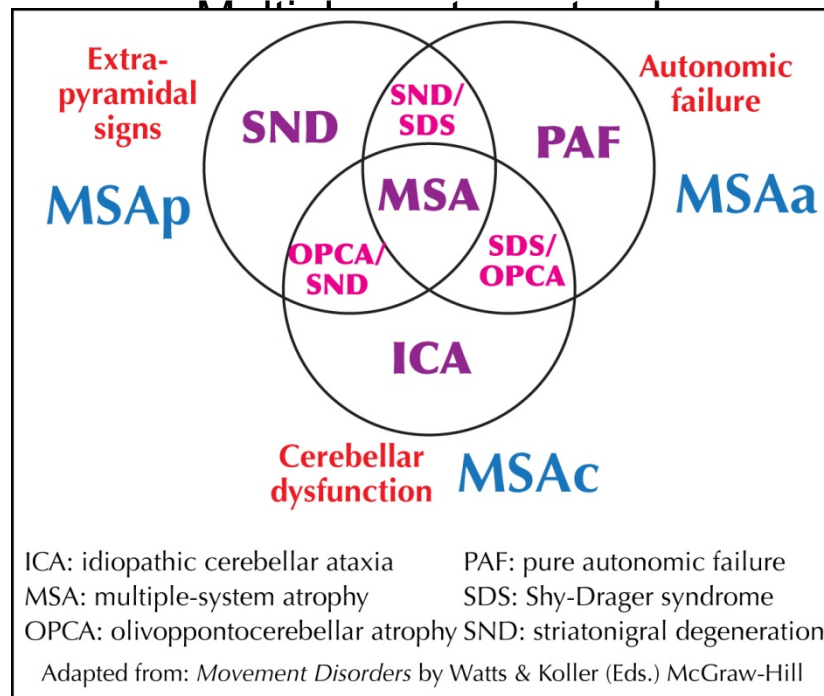
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# Classification of Hypokinesias

- Parkinson's disease
- Symptomatic parkinsonism
- "Parkinson's Plus syndromes"
  - Progressive supranuclear palsy

- Dementia syndromes
  - Alzheimer's disease
  - NPH
  - ALS/dementia/PD complex of Guam
- Hereditary disorders
  - Wilson's disease
  - Huntington's disease
  - NBIA  
(Neurodegeneration with Brain Iron Accumulation)



– Corticobasal degeneration



# The TRAP of parkinsonism

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- Tremor
- Rigidity
- Akinesia
- Postural Instability

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# Idiopathic Parkinson's Disease

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- Prototype of a ‘hypokinetic’ disorder
- Most common human movement disorder...in the Movement Disorder clinic. Less common than ET.
- Characterized by cardinal triad:
  - Bradykinesia
  - Rigidity
  - Tremor
- Also:
  - Disturbance of Balance
  - Response to L-DOPA
- Loss of neurons in ventral tier of the substantia nigra *pars compacta* (SNc) / ventral tegmental area (VTA) complex mainly

## Case 2: Is it Parkinson's Disease? Ddx

Entity	How to differentiate from PD
Med-induced parkinsonism	Careful screening, including neuroleptics (including <b>atypicals</b> ) and GI motility drugs
Essential tremor (ET)	+ FHx, <b>symmetric tremor</b> , - rigidity, - bradykinesia, - tremor at rest, tremor worsens with movement
Dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB)	Early memory impairment, <b>delusions and hallucinations</b>
Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)	Lack of tremor, <b>impaired voluntary saccades, early falls</b>
Corticobasal degeneration (CBD)	Alien hand, prominent dystonia, asymmetrical
Shy-Drager (MSAa)	Orthostasis, early autonomic dysfunction
Olivopontocerebellar Atrophy (OPCA; MSAc)	Brainstem signs such as dysphonia and swallowing difficulties; cerebellar signs
Striatonigral degeneration (SND; MSAp)	No response to L-DOPA



# Case 2: Parkinson's Disease Initial Management

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- Dopamine agents: either L-DOPA (Sinemet) or dopamine agonists.
- The right dose? Enough. Like adding salt to soup.
- L-DOPA
  - Better tolerated in older folks
  - Concern over dyskinesias not huge concern
  - Start Sinemet 25/100 one tab tid (qid) increase to effect. Push to 800-1,000 mg LVD/day before concluding no effect
- Dopamine agonists
  - Pramipexole (Mirapex), Ropinirole (Requip), avoid Parlodel (bromocriptine)
  - Start low, go slow. Start with suggested doses

# Case 2: Dopamine Replacement Strategies

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- Replace precursor (Levodopa)
  - With peripheral dopa decarboxylase inhibitor (carbidopa)
  - Sinemet 25/100 and other formulations – ‘*without emesis*’
- Dopamine agonists
  - Pramipexole (Mirapex®), ropinirole (Requip®), bromocriptine
  - Extended release versions of dopamine agonists
- Inhibit breakdown: COMT
  - Tolcapone (Tasmar®), entacapone (Comtan®)
- Inhibit breakdown: MAO
  - Selegiline (Eldepryl®, Zelapar®)
  - Rasagiline (Azilect®)
- Delivery
  - Duodenal levodopa pump

## Case 2: When to Refer

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- Not Parkinson's
- Motor fluctuations
- Dementia
- Medication complications: now on Sinemet 11.5 tabs a day, Comtan, Requip, Eldepryl, Midodrine, Seroquel ...time to refer
- Surgical therapies: Deep brain stimulation
- Access to clinical trials

# Let's Go to Moving Movies...

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# What's this "Shake"?

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This woman had a pressure injury to one sciatic nerve





- Severe pain in one or both feet
- Characteristic writhing movement of toes and sometimes of feet
- Patients have history of lumbosacral root damage
- Includes cases of lumbar herpes zoster, generalized peripheral neuropathy or minor trauma to legs
- Onset middle or late in life; pathophysiology unclear
- Therapy: difficult; various AEDs, TENS, sympathetic blockage

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- Aka palatal myoclonus
- Guillain-Mollaret triangle (red nucleus / ipsi inferior olive / contra dentate nucleus)
- Associated with stroke; multiple sclerosis; Behçet' s; dialysis encephalopathy etc
- 25% “idiopathic”
- Persists during sleep
- Tharapy:  
various; carbamezapine

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- A feeding dystonia...



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- Most are autosomal recessive; feeding dystonia characteristic; acanthocytes in blood smear
- Chorea; cognitive and personality changes; seizures; dystonia; parkinsonism; bulbar signs
- Rarely associated with lipoprotein metabolism disorders

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- A focal dystonia
- Up to 25% of cases of focal dystonia in clinic
- EMG-guided unilateral or bilateral injection of botulinum in vocal cords or posterior cricoarytenoid muscle

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# What's this "Shake"?

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- Can be post spinal infection



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- Appears to be due to loss of inhibitory in the posterior horns
- Clonazepam; Keppra; other AEDs

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- Lumbar lordosis



- Progressive fluctuating rigidity of axial muscles in the back, abdomen, hips and shoulders leading to lordosis emerging in 4th and 5th decades
- Painful spasms
- Up to 2/3 affected are insulin-dependent diabetics
- Anti GAD antibodies in > 60% patients (GABA metabolism affected in spinal cord?); anti amphimysin ab in breast ca
- Progressive encephalomyelitis with rigidity a very aggressive form of SPS
- Therapy: benzos; baclofen; steroids; IVIg

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- Responds to zolpidem (Ambien)



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- Can occur 40+ years after amputation; may be preceded by pain at the stump months previously
- Is this a segmental myoclonus?
- Responds to zolpidem (Ambien)



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Call the neurosurgeon



- 95% primary, due to vascular compression of VIIth nerve exit from the brainstem
- 5% secondary, s/p Bell's palsy, cerebellopontine angle mass lesion or brainstem lesions
- Remissions rare
- Therapy: posterior fossa exploration and facial nerve protection (chemical denervation)

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# Resources

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*Movement Disorders in Clinical Practice*

By Guy Sawle (Isis Press)

*Principles and Practice of Movement Disorders*

By Stanley Fahn & Joseph Jankovic (Churchill Livingstone  
Elsevier)

*Movement Disorders Neurologic Principles & Practice*

By Ray L. Watts & William C. Koller (McGraw Hill)

# A Great Movement Disorders Website

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[www.wemove.org](http://www.wemove.org)

Worldwide Education in Movement Disorders

- Basically a one-stop website for background, workup and treatment for all movement disorders
- For patients and practitioners

# The End

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Thank you for your attention!



# Appendix

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**The following topics shall not be covered unless they arise as points of discussion.**

# Dystonic Tremor

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- Postural, localized, irregular in amplitude and periodicity
- Typically in patients with dystonia
- Some patients with family history of dystonia may have dystonic tremor *without* any evidence of dystonia
- Difficult to distinguish sometimes from essential tremor
- Consider trihexyphenidyl

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# Primary Writing Tremor

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- Usually a tremor part of writer's cramp (a focal dystonia) progression
- If no evidence of dystonia, then consider a primary writing tremor
- Can also be present with other manual activity (holding cup etc)
- Therapy: essential tremor vs. dystonia management paradigm; writing enabler; Vim DBS

# Primary Orthostatic Tremor

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- 14-16 Hz tremor in legs upon standing but not while ambulating
- Tremor is too fast to be visible at times -- auscultate quads (distant helicopter sound)
- Therapy: clonazepam; gabapentin

# Cerebellar and Midbrain Tremors

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- Typically a kinetic tremor - increased amplitude on target approach
- Sometimes mixed with postural tremor
- Rubral tremor - 2-5Hz may have rest and or postural component. Look for oculomotor nerve palsy and hemiparesis
- Therapy: difficult; supportive
- Riluzole

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# Tremor in Neuropathy

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- Some peripheral neuropathies: hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy; chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy; IgM demyelinating paraproteinemic neuropathy etc
- In patients with known neuropathies beware of independent causes such as vitamin E deficiency and drug toxicity
- Therapy: address underlying cause; propranolol

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# Post-traumatic Tremor

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- Usually in children after head trauma
- 1.5 - 3Hz; midbrain tremor?
- Therapy: trihexyphenidyl; levodopa; essential tremor modalities