

<p>PROGRESSIVE SUPRANUCLEAR PALSY SYNDROME</p> <p>Classic brain-stem variant – Diplopia / blurred vision. Photophobia. Brain stem atrophy. Downward gaze palsy – going downstairs, tripping on objects, reading, eating. Slurred speech. Stiffness and motor slowing, though tremor usually absent.</p>	<p>Timed attention tests will be affected by slowness. Executive functions affected, esp phonemic fluency, VOSP number-location.</p> <p>Postural instability. High frequency of falls b'wards (early sign). Symmetrical Parkinsonian features. Later: swallowing difficulties</p>	<p>Reduced speech output. Nonfluent aphasia may occur. Impaired on recall rather than recognition memory.</p> <p>Early changes in personality may occur – apathy, emotional lability, slowed thinking. Cortical and other variants distinguished.</p>	<p>CORTICOBASAL SYNDROME</p> <p>Limb apraxia. Alien hand. Wandering hand.</p> <p>Multiple sequential gestures impaired. Difficulty in tasks with one hand, e.g. toss coin</p>	<p>Executive dysfunction, memory impairment & parietal lobe deficits. VOSP spatial subtests.</p> <p>Cortical sensory loss. Graphesthesia. Myoclonus (jerky movements). Parietal & frontal atrophy.</p>	<p>Language deficits may encompass both expression & syntactic comprehension.</p> <p>Memory less impaired than in AD. Cognitive symptoms may precede motor symptoms.</p>
<p>PARKINSON'S DISEASE (PD)</p> <p>Slowing down & motor symptoms usually precede cognitive. Occasionally weight loss, constipation, and olfactory loss reported.</p> <p>Features include tremor, slowness, rigid facial expression, shuffling gait. Hypophonic speech. Depression common.</p> <p>Visuospatial deficits usually mild. Executive deficits variable, often mild in early stages. Impaired on timed perceptual-motor tests. Small handwriting. Recall rather than recognition deficits. 'Extracampine' (presence of other).</p> <p>Non-motor symptoms more common in older PD patients - loss of interest, hallucinations, cog symptoms, anxiety, change in libido and difficulty in sexual activities. Marked olfactory loss in PD may predict dementia.</p>	<p>'PARKINSON'S PLUS' DEMENTIAS</p> <p>'Parkinsons PLUS' conditions seldom have resting tremor, and usually respond poorly to dopamine. Progression is usually faster than in PD. CBD and PSP decline faster than AD. PD with dementia may differ from LBD only in major cognitive symptoms following motor symptoms in former, and vice versa in LBD. Asking patients to clap 3 times may be abnormal, esp in PSP.</p>				<p>LEWY BODY DEMENTIA</p> <p>Acting out behaviour In vivid dreams</p> <p>Onset usually after 65 yrs. Affects men more. More likely to have falls, & autonomic symptoms - fainting, urge incontinence. MR scan normal.</p> <p>Rigidity, facial impassivity & symmetry of motor signs. Tremor less common. Behavioural precede motor changes.</p> <p>Visual hallucinations – animals, people. Non-threatening. May be familiar. Presence of other ('extracampine'). Capgras may occur – thinks imposters exist.</p> <p>Fluctuating cog. impairment. Stares into space for periods. Disorganized ideas, speech. Sleeps during day.</p>
<p>NORMAL PRESSURE HYDROCEPHALUS</p> <p>Gait, incontinence and impaired cognitive function. Variable apathy.</p>					<p>Impaired on block design, fig. copy, map search, fluency, trail making, frag letters, cube counting, backward span, clock drawing and copy.</p> <p>Executive, visuospatial, attention more impaired, & memory less impaired than AD. Attention & v-spatial more impaired than CBD, esp. early on.</p>
<p>Early or severe cognitive deficits suggests alternative additional pathology</p> <p>Executive dysfunction & mild-mod. memory impairment. Slowing. No dysphasia or visuo-perceptual deficits.</p> <p>Periventricular lucencies and minimal cortical atrophy.</p>					<p>SPORADIC CJD</p> <p>Myoclonus (jerky movements) and gait disturbance. EEG, CSF and MR (caudate & putamen) changes.</p> <p>Perseverations, intrusions from earlier tasks, backtracking, lapses of attention.</p> <p>Rapidity of cognitive decline.</p>
<p>MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY</p> <p>Onset in 50s/60s. Duration 5-7 years. Urinary incontinence. Orthostat. hypotension, constipation; erectile problems. Parkinsonian & cerebellar versions. REM sleep disorder. Slurred speech & pathol. laughter, crying occasionally seen. Relatively rapid decline. Parkinsonian features don't respond well to L-dopa.</p> <p>In most cases, relatively mild cognitive impairment, primarily affecting executive functions, though may be more marked than in PD.</p> <p>MELAS. Strokes, headache, hearing loss, early onset. MS, ADEM. VER, EEG, MRI white matter lesions (MS).</p>	<p>Fahr's Disease. Basal ganglia calcification. Executive dysfunction.</p> <p>Huntington's Disease. Early attent. & executive deficits.</p> <p>Kuf's Disease. Myoclonic epilepsy, dementia & ataxia or Behavioural change, dementia, motor disorder & facial dyskinesia.</p> <p>Encephalitis Lethargica. Post-encephalitic. Sleep disturbance. Oculomotor signs. May make good recovery with steroids. Occasional occurrence of delayed-onset Parkinsonian signs.</p> <p>Rare - Metachromatic leukodystrophy (demyelination on MRI), CADASIL, Nieman-Pick Type C, Syphilis, HIV, Mitochondrial Disease.</p> <p>Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. May present with chorea & dementia, esp those with anticardiolipin antibodies.</p> <p>Neuroacanthocytosis. Genetic disorder, with HD-like features. Frontal-subcortical dysfunction. Striatal atrophy</p>	<p>Subacute diencephalic angioencephalopathy – features of patients with thalamic lesions.</p> <p>Friedrich's Ataxia. Spino- cerebellar path. <20yrs onset</p> <p>Autoimmune Disorders. Voltage-gated potassium channel antibodies. NMDA receptor antibodies. Anti-ma2 antibodies. Primary tumour may be present. Clinical features may include memory loss, psychiatric disturbance, movement disorder, seizures, impaired level of consciousness.</p> <p>Whipple's Disease. GI symptoms, oculomotor with chewing abnorm., hypothalamic symptoms.</p> <p>Motor Neurone Disease. Frontal dementia, esp in bulbar type. Nonfluent aphasia rather than semantic dementia. Verb comprehen. impaired.</p>	<p>Adrenoleukodystrophy. White matter lesions. May have schizophrenia features.</p>	<p>Wilson's Disease. Copper metabolism tests. Distinct rings on eyes. High signal in basal ganglia, esp putamen. Younger age. PD signs, ataxia, or slurred speech.</p> <p>Hashimoto's encephalopathy. Thyroid-related. Myoclonus. Occas. seizures. Steroid responsive. Female bias. Amnesia. Attention deficits and aphasia may occur.</p>	<p>OTHER CONDITIONS</p> <p>Fragile X with tremor & ataxia – late-onset frontal-subcortical syndrome. PD signs. Cerebellum lesions.</p> <p>Vasculitis. Sarcoidosis. Lymphomatous lesions: primary-sec.</p> <p>Frontotemporal dementia & Parkinsonian signs – abnormality on chromosome 17. PSNI Alzheimer mutation may include movement disorder.</p>