

Unusual Dystonia



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Dystonia is a movement disorder characterized by patterned, directional, and sustained muscle contractions that produce abnormal, often twisting, postures or repetitive movements. Dystonia can be caused by a wide variety of etiologies, and clinicians have to endeavor to elucidate its cause in every patient in order to tailor optimal counseling and therapy for each patient. Historically, the causes of dystonia have been divided into two main groups: idiopathic (or primary) and symptomatic (or secondary). Idiopathic dystonia was distinguished by its lack of known cause and the absence of consistent brain pathology. Over the last 20 years, it has become clear that idiopathic dystonia comprises a group of clinical syndromes that are known or likely to have a genetic basis. Furthermore, a new classification of dystonia (DYT) loci has been developed and widely used. In addition, dystonia caused by other genetic disorders has been increasingly reported. Here, several patients with the common form of dystonia caused by unusual etiologies will be presented.

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