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Dystonia Update: Evaluation of Patients with Dystonia

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The evaluation of patients with dystonia can be difficult. The definition and classification are revised recently. New classification system has two axes. The first axis focuses on clinical characteristics of dystonia and helps to recognize the dystonic syndrome, which leads to a targeted etiological differential diagnosis. In this review, I will introduce a recent update on the assessment of patients with dystonia. This is a stepwise process consisted with how to classify the phenomenology and integrate clinical, imaging, blood, neurophysiological and genetic investigations in dystonic patients. Furthermore, the pathophysiology of dystonia will be summarized.

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