



**Cerebellum**

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# **Integrated Neuro + Rheumat**

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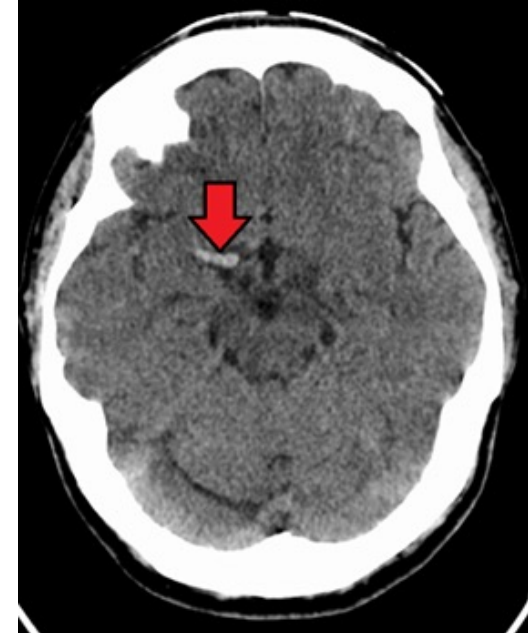
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**1. What is not a feature of myasthenia gravis among the following?**

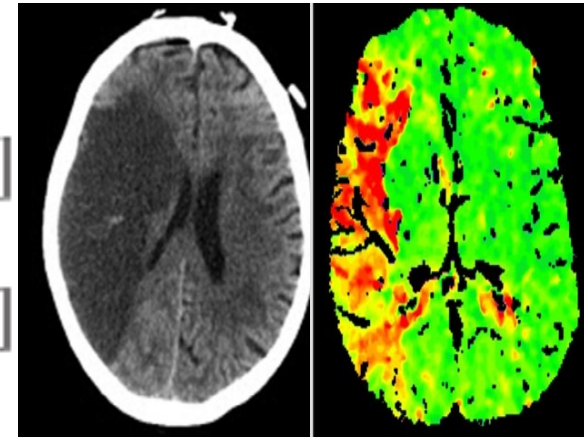
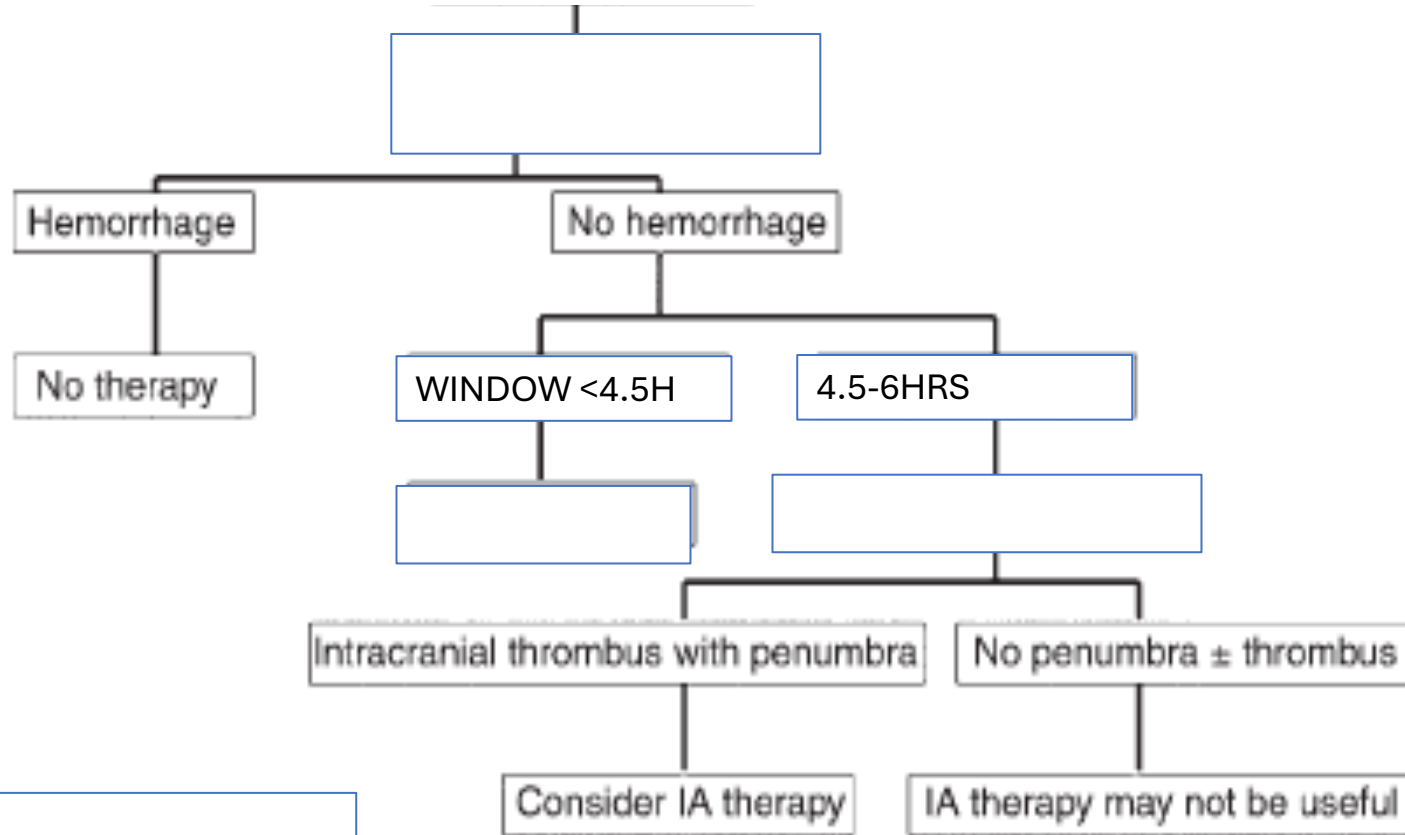
- A. Decremental response on RNS**
- B. Areflexia**
- C. Normal pupillary reflex**
- D. Improvement of Inj.Edrophonium**

**2. A patient presents with left-sided facial paralysis and weakness for the past 1 hour. Her blood pressure is 160/100 mmHg and CT is shown below. What would be your next step?**

- A. CT angiogram**
- B. Start on aspirin + clopidogrel**
- C. Intravenous thrombolysis**
- D. IV Labetalol**



# STROKE-APPROACH



- BP > 185/110
- Bleeding diathesis
- Recent head injury or ICH
- Major surgery in preceding 2 weeks
- GI bleed in 3 weeks
- Recent MI

**3. All of the following are the core clinical features for the diagnosis of Lewy body dementia except:**

- A. Fluctuating cognition**
- B. Rigidity and pill-rolling tremors**
- C. Visual hallucinations**
- D. Autonomic dysfunction**

### Core Features of LBD

- Fluctuating cognition/alertness
- Recurrent, well-formed visual hallucinations
- REM sleep behavior disorder (RBD)
- Spontaneous Parkinsonism

### Supportive and Associated Findings

- Autonomic dysfunction
- Depression, apathy, anxiety
- Dysphagia

**4. Thrombolysis can be considered in all these conditions, except?**

**A. ASPECTS score >7**

**B. Blood pressure of more than 185/110mmHg**

**C. Ischemic stroke within 2 hours**

**D. Onset of symptoms <4 hours**

**5. A 19-year-old man is brought to the emergency department after being stabbed in the back. Neurological examination demonstrates the absence of motor activity in all muscle groups of the right lower extremity as well as decreased muscle tone. Left leg motor function is normal. Right patellar reflex, Achilles reflex, and Babinski sign are absent. There is loss of light touch and proprioception below the right costal margin. Pinprick sensation is absent below the level of umbilicus on the left side. Which of the following is the most likely location of this patient's injury?**

- A. Anterior spinal artery injury at T8**
- B. Right spinal transection at T10**
- C. Left spinal hemisection at T8**
- D. Right spinal hemisection at T8**

**6. A 27-year-old man presents with four days of progressive, bilateral, lower extremity weakness and dysesthesia. The patient denies any history of trauma, but states that he stayed home from work last week because of fever accompanied by diarrhea. Neurologic examination demonstrates the absence of reflexes in the lower extremities with no cranial nerve deficits. What is the best therapy for this patient's condition?**

- A. Plasmapheresis**
- B. Glucocorticoids**
- C. Acetaminophen**
- D. Radiation therapy**

**7. 34-year-old man is evaluated in the clinic due to difficulty walking over the past 2 weeks. His symptoms have resulted in several recent falls. The physician asks him to stand with his feet close together, arms to the sides, and eyes closed. This maneuver most likely tests for abnormalities in which of the following?**

- A. Cortical sensory integration**
- B. Gait**
- C. Motor coordination**
- D. Proprioception**

**8. A 29-year-old woman comes to the OPD for treatment of anxiety that has worsened over the past year. She says, "My anxiety just comes out of the blue; one way or another, I'm anxious all the time. An anxiety disorder is diagnosed, and fluoxetine is prescribed. The patient's anxiety begins to improve over the next 4-6 weeks. The physician explains that the medication inhibits the reuptake of a neurotransmitter released by a specific set of neurons. These neurons are likely part of which of the following structures?**

- A. Caudate nucleus**
- B. Locus ceruleus**
- C. Nucleus basalis of Meynert**
- D. Raphe nuclei**

**9. All of the factors would suggest a higher risk for a patient with TIA developing stroke in the future according to ABCD2 scoring except?**

**A. Age 65 years**

**B. Duration of symptoms 5 mins**

**C. BP 140/90mm Hg**

**D. Diabetes**

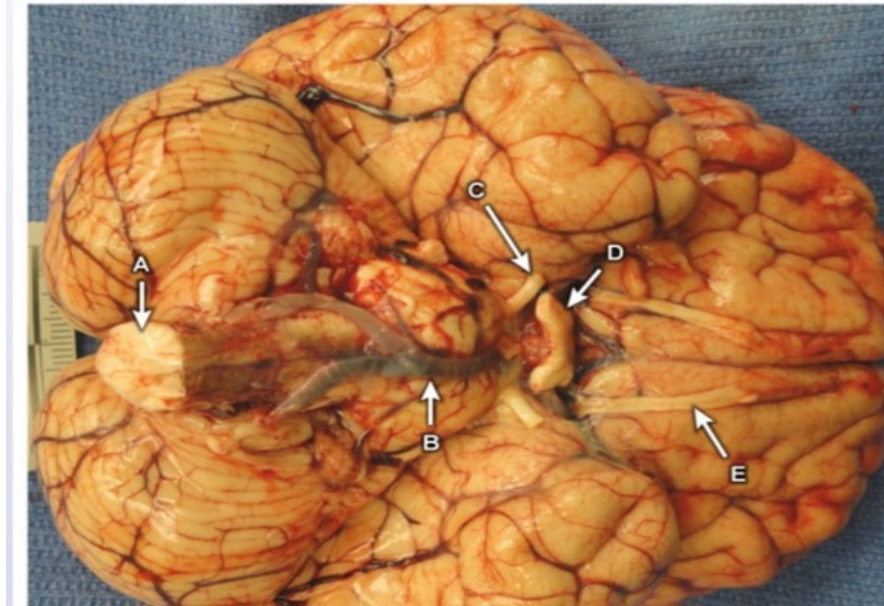
| ABCD <sup>2</sup> score                 | Points |
|---|--------|
| Age > 60 years                          | 1      |
| BP = 140/90 mmHg at initial evaluation  | 1      |
| Clinical features of the TIA            |        |
| Speech disturbance without weakness, or | 1      |
| Unilateral weakness                     | 2      |
| Duration of symptoms                    |        |
| 10–59 min, or                           | 1      |
| >60 min                                 | 2      |
| Diabetes mellitus in patient's history  | 1      |

**10. A patient presents with vertigo, diplopia, hoarseness, dysphagia and left Horner's syndrome associated with numbness of the left face and right-side limbs. Which artery is affected in this patient?**

- A. Posterior inferior cerebellar artery**
- B. Anterior inferior cerebellar artery**
- C. Superior cerebellar artery**
- D. Basilar artery**

**11. 24-year-old man is brought to the emergency department due to seizures. He has had 2 days of worsening fever, headache, and vomiting. Physical examination shows signs of meningeal irritation. The patient rapidly becomes comatose and dies 48 hours later despite aggressive medical care. Autopsy examination shows congested leptomeninges with fibrinopurulent exudate. Microscopy reveals numerous ameba in the exudate and brain tissue. Which of the following is the most likely portal of entry of this pathogen into the CNS?**

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. E



**12. A 62-year-old, right-handed man is evaluated for an episode of left leg weakness that spontaneously resolved within 30 minutes of onset. The patient also has had transient vision loss in the right eye. Medical history is significant for hypertension and diabetes mellitus. Evaluation reveals an atherosclerotic plaque in the extracranial portion of the supplying artery. During percutaneous stenting, the vascular catheter is inserted into the right common femoral artery and gradually advanced to the level of the aortic arch. Which of the following is the most likely path of the catheter before stenting of the culprit lesion can be performed?**

- A. Aorta - brachiocephalic artery - common carotid artery - external carotid artery**
- B. Aorta - brachiocephalic artery - common carotid artery - internal carotid artery**
- C. Aorta - common carotid artery - external carotid artery**
- D. Aorta - common carotid artery - internal carotid artery**

**13. Treatment of choice for an acute attack of cluster headache is:**

- A. Oral sumatriptan**
- B. Subcutaneous sumatriptan**
- C. 100% oxygen at 6 L/minute**
- D. Propranolol**

**14. A 38-year-old hospitalized woman is evaluated for new-onset confusion. The patient has a prolonged history of Crohn disease. Pupils are equal and reactive to light. Abduction of the right eye is limited and elicits bilateral horizontal nystagmus. Motor strength and deep tendon reflexes are normal throughout. Finger-to-nose and heel-to-shin testing are normal, but the gait is wide based. Which of the following is the most likely cause of this patient's neurologic symptoms?**

- A. Vitamin B12 deficiency**
- B. Thiamine deficiency**
- C. Folate deficiency**
- D. Cerebellar dysfunction**

**15. A 5-year-old boy is brought to the emergency department due to recurrent, generalized tonic-clonic seizures over the past 24 hours. He takes no medications and has no family history of epilepsy. The patient's temperature is 39.4 C (103 F), blood pressure is 110/70 mm Hg, pulse is 112/min, and respirations are 10/min. During the examination, the patient suddenly develops sustained, generalized tonic-clonic convulsions without fully regaining consciousness between episodes. Which of the following describes the mechanism of action of the most appropriate initial therapy for his seizures?**

- A. Blockade of presynaptic voltage-gated calcium channels**
- B. Blockade of presynaptic voltage-gated sodium channels**
- C. Enhanced postsynaptic chloride influx**
- D. Inhibition of vesicle fusion and neurotransmitter release**

16. 74-year-old woman is brought to the emergency department by her son after he found her acting strangely. She was asking to open the window blinds, even though the blinds were already open and was bumping into objects when walking around her home. The patient insists that her vision is fine and came to the hospital upon her son's insistence. Bilateral direct and consensual pupillary reflexes are normal. On confrontation visual field testing, she reports the wrong number of fingers in all visual quadrants. The patient indicates the wrong direction when asked to point to the door and gives an incorrect visual description when asked to describe the physician. This patient most likely has an infarction involving the brain regions supplied by which of the following arteries?

- A. Anterior cerebral artery
- B. Basilar artery
- C. Ophthalmic artery
- D. Posterior cerebral artery

**17. True about electroencephalogram (EEG) is all except:**

- A. 10% of the normal population can have epileptiform discharges.**
- B. Scalp EEG may be helpful in localizing frontal lobe epilepsy.**
- C. Doing EEG is not mandatory for the diagnosis of seizures.**
- D. Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy shows triphasic and slow waves.**

**18. 34-year-old woman with sleep problems comes to the OPD. Over the last year, she has had increasing difficulty falling asleep at night and is exhausted during the day. The patient does not use alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs. She has a family history of heart disease and depression. The patient has failed a number of nonpharmacological approaches, including cognitive-behavioral therapy for insomnia. She requests pharmacologic treatment and is prescribed a short course of zolpidem. Which of the following is the most likely mechanism of action of this medication?**

- A. Dopamine receptor antagonism**
- B. GABA receptor agonism**
- C. Histamine receptor antagonism**
- D. Melatonin receptor agonism**

**19. Which of the following does not help in the localization of lesions in the spinal cord?**

- A. Contralateral hemiplegia**
- B. Fasciculation at the level of lesion**
- C. Babinski positive**
- D. Bladder involvement**

**20. A patient presents with fever, neck rigidity and altered sensorium. The resident was instructed to perform a lumbar puncture on this patient. What is the correct order of managing this patient?**

- 1. Place IV cannula and give fluids at 40 mL/h**
- 2. Start injection ceftriaxone**
- 3. Fundoscopy**
- 4. Perform guarded lumbar puncture**

- A. 1, 2, 4, 3**
- B. 1, 4, 3, 2**
- C. 4, 3, 2, 1**
- D. 1, 3, 4, 2**

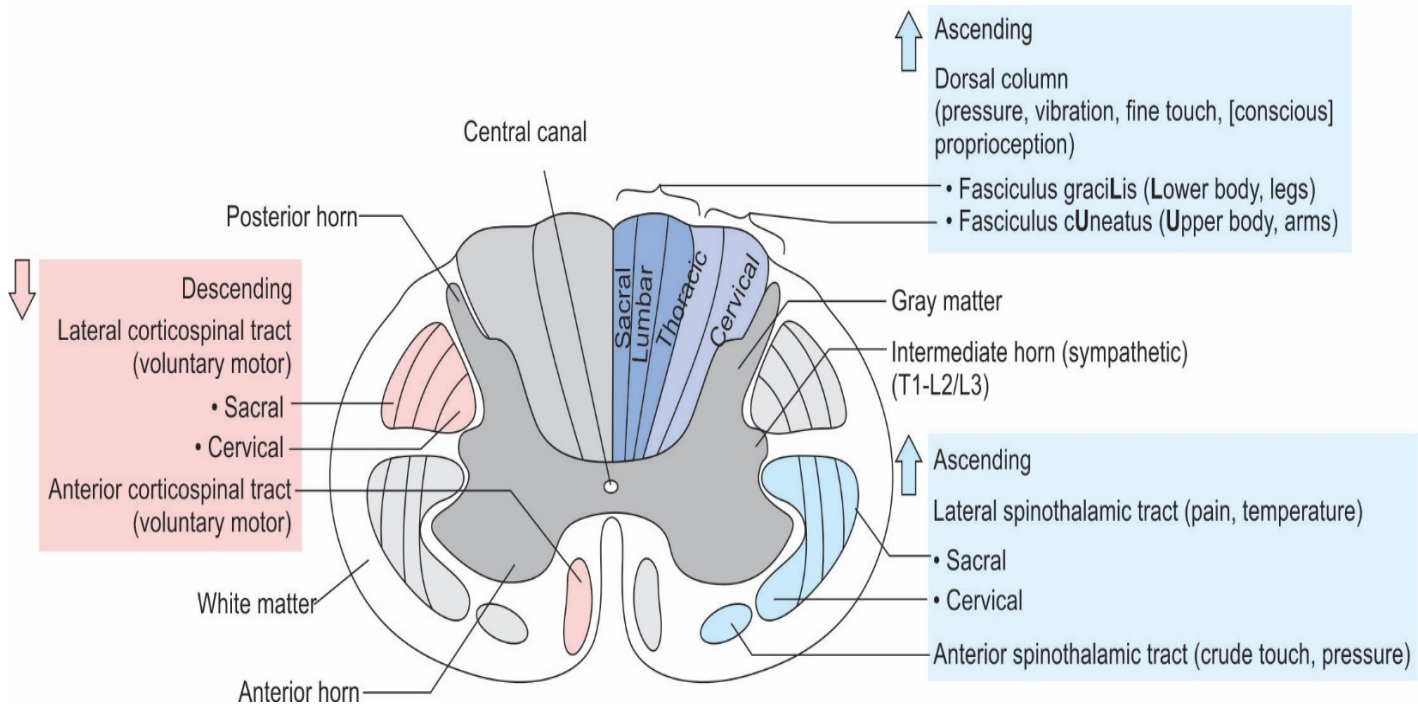
**21. A highly agitated 54-year-old man is brought to the emergency department by his family because he is unable to effectively communicate. He speaks clearly and with conviction but his sentences are incomprehensible. He does not appear to understand the doctor's questions, does not follow oral or written instructions, and cannot repeat simple phrases. Branch occlusion of which of the following arteries is most likely responsible for this patient's condition?**

- A. Right Middle cerebral artery-superior division**
- B. Right Middle cerebral artery-inferior division**
- C. Left Middle cerebral artery-superior division**
- D. Left Middle cerebral artery-inferior division**

**22. What would be seen if the central part of the cord was involved?**

- 1. LMN lesion of trunk and UMN of lower limbs.**
- 2. UMN lesion of trunk and LMN of lower limbs.**
- 3. Bladder and bowel involvement.**
- 4. Posterior tract involvement.**

- A. 1 and 4**
- B. 2 and 3**
- C. 2 and 4**
- D. 1 and 3**



**23. Which of the following types of headaches requires further evaluation?**

- 1. Duration > 4 hours**
- 2. Thunderclap nature**
- 3. Associated Low GCS**
- 4. Associated Blurring of vision**

**A. 2, 3**

**B. 2, 4**

**C. 2, 3, 4**

**D. 1, 2, 3, 4**

1. **Systemic symptoms** (fever, weight loss)
2. **Systemic disease** (cancer, HIV, immunosuppression)
3. **Neurologic symptoms/signs** (focal deficits, altered GCS, papilledema)
4. **Onset sudden** (thunderclap)
5. **Onset after age 50**
6. **Pattern change** (new or progressive)
7. **Positional** headache (worse lying vs standing → CSF leak, ICP)
8. **Precipitated by Valsalva/exertion** (cough, sneeze, exercise → raised ICP, aneurysm)
9. **Papilledema**
10. **Pregnancy / postpartum** (risk of CVT, eclampsia, pituitary apoplexy)

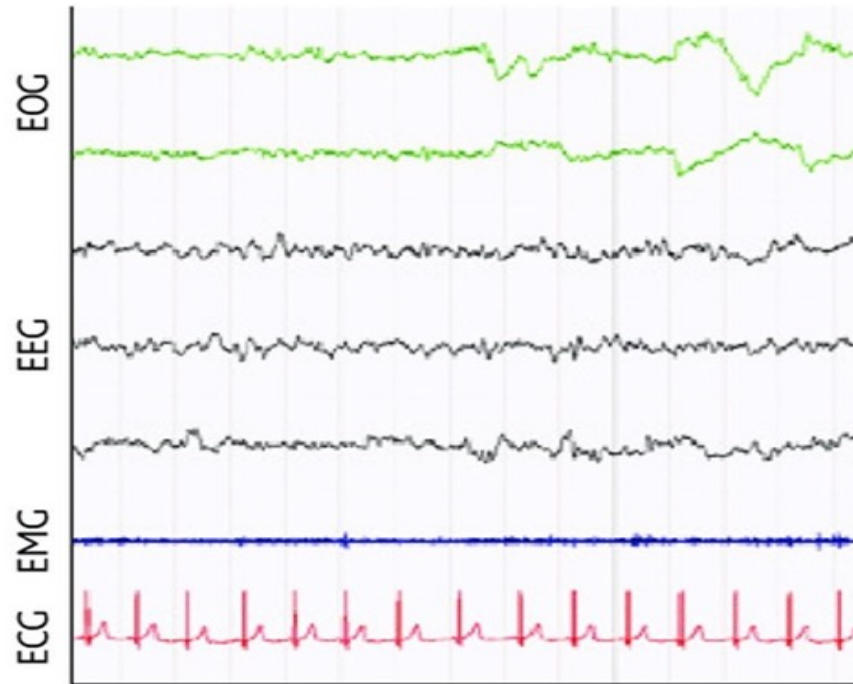
**24. A 44-year-old man comes to the OPD due to several weeks of difficulty walking and frequent falls. He also reports episodes of sharp, stabbing pain in his extremities. Deep-tendon reflexes are absent at the knee and ankle bilaterally. Proprioception and vibration sensation are reduced throughout the lower extremities. He has a wide-based gait and a positive Romberg sign. Which of the following diagnostic findings is most likely associated with this patient's current symptoms?**

- A. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) culture growing acid-fast bacilli**
- B. CSF PCR positive for herpes virus**
- C. Encapsulated yeasts on CSF India ink preparation**
- D. Reactive VDRL tests on CSF samples**

**25. 35-year-old woman with a history of migraines is evaluated due to a recent increase in headache frequency and severity. She has had no focal weakness, sensory loss, vision changes, or seizures. Neuroimaging reveals a small aneurysm arising from the segment of right internal carotid artery within the cavernous sinus. If this patient's aneurysm continues to expand, which of the following findings is most likely to be observed?**

- A. Deviation of the tongue to the right when protruded**
- B. Inability to contract the right orbicularis oculi muscle**
- C. Vision defect affecting the left half of the visual field**
- D. Weakness of the right lateral rectus muscle**

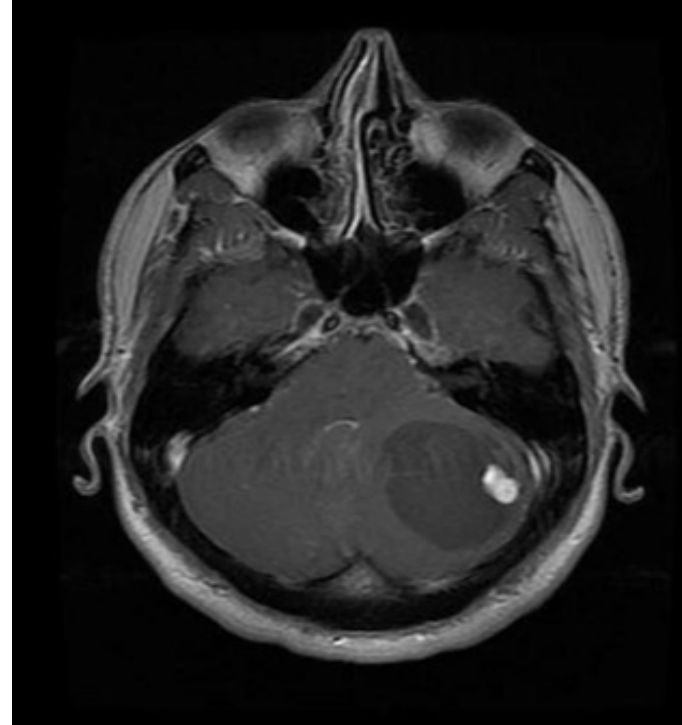
**26. Identify the stage of sleep based on the EEG shown below:**



- A. NREM1**
- B. NREM2**
- C. NREM3**
- D. REM**

**27. Which of the following findings is most likely to be seen on physical examination of this patient?**

- A. Left dysdiadochokinesia**
- B. Left Horner syndrome**
- C. Right hemiparesis**
- D. Right hemisensory loss**



**28. 55-year-old woman is brought to the OPD by her husband for evaluation of strange behavior. She has been spending large amounts of money to buy expensive clothes and jewelry. She usually drinks 1 or 2 glasses of wine on weekends but lately has been drinking 2 or 3 glasses almost every day. This patient's condition is most likely due to abnormal accumulation of which of the following?**

**A. Ataxin**

**B. Beta-amyloid**

**C. Prions**

**D. Ubiquitinated TDP-43**

**29. The posture shown in image is seen in :**

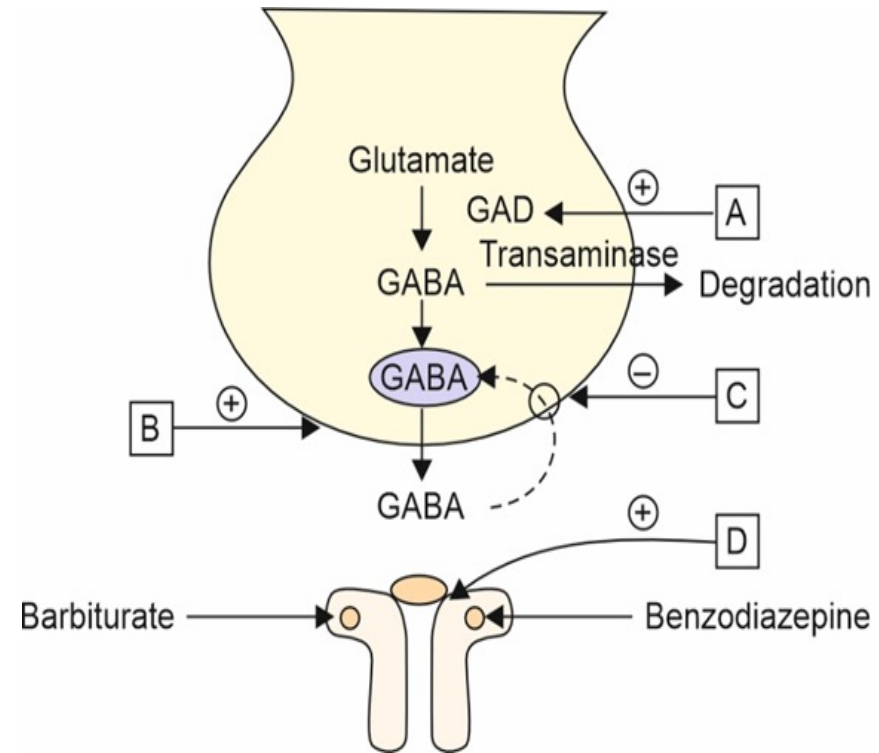


- A. Upper pons hyperactivity**
- B. Upper midbrain hyperactivity**
- C. Upper pons damage**
- D. Upper midbrain damage**

| <b>Posture</b> | <b>Level of Lesion</b>       | <b>Tracts affected</b>  | <b>Motor Manifestation</b>  |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Decorticate    | Above red nucleus (midbrain) | Corticospinal tract disrupted above red nucleus; rubrospinal active | Upper limbs flexed (rubrospinal facilitation), lower limbs extended |
| Decerebrate    | At or below red nucleus      | Corticospinal and rubrospinal tracts disrupted                      | Upper and lower limbs extended (vestibulospinal dominance)          |

**30. In the figure shown below, mechanism of action of valproate is best represented by:**

- A. A**
- B. B**
- C. C**
- D. D**



# ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUGS

S/e stones / ACG:

## Carbamazepine:

Diplopia, ataxia, blood dyscrasias (agranulocytosis, aplastic anemia), liver toxicity, teratogenesis (cleft lip/palate, spina bifida), induction of cytochrome P-450, SIADH, SJS

**Na<sup>+</sup> channel blockers**  
Carbamazepine  
Oxcarbamazepine  
Phenytoin  
Topiramate  
Zonisamide  
Lacosamide  
Rufinamide

**Ca<sup>2+</sup> Channel blockers**  
Ethosuximide  
Gabapentin

**EFGHIJ**—Ethosuximide  
Causes Fatigue, GI distress  
Headache, Itching (and urticaria), SJS

**PPHENYTOIN:** cytochrome P-450 induction, Pseudolymphoma, Hirsutism, Enlarged gums, Nystagmus, Yellow-brown skin, Teratogenicity (fetal hydantoin syndrome), Osteopenia, Inhibited folate absorption, Neuropathy. Rare: SJS, DRESS syndrome, drug-induced lupus. Toxicity leads to diplopia, ataxia, sedation.

**SV2A Receptor blocker**  
Levetiracetam

**K channel opener:**  
Retigabine/Ezogabine

All CYP inducers except:

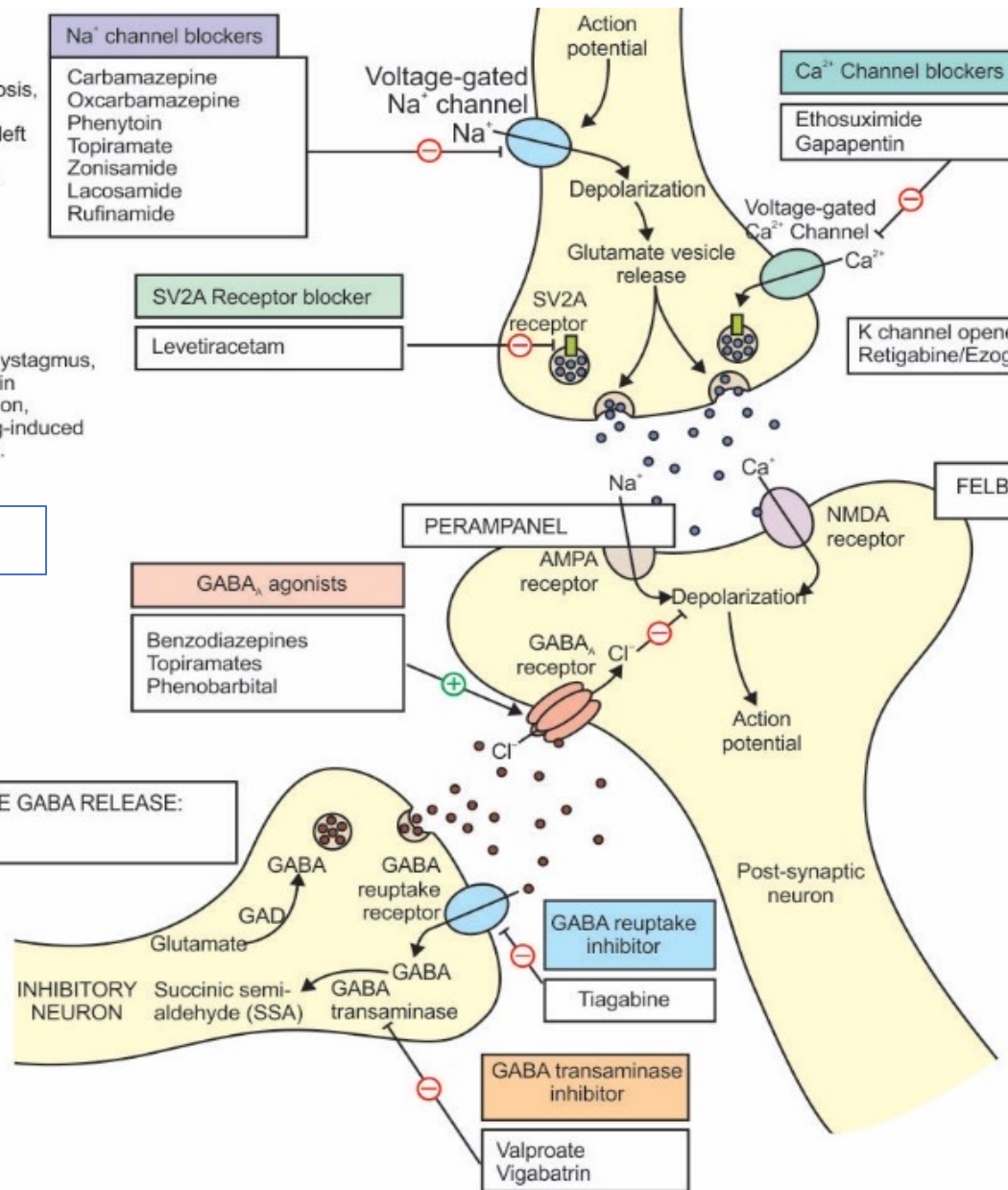
**GABA<sub>A</sub> agonists**  
Benzodiazepines  
Topiramates  
Phenobarbital

**FELBAMATE**

**VALPROATE:** Vomiting, Alopecia, Liver damage (hepatotoxic), Pancreatitis, P-450 inhibition, Rash, Obesity (weight gain), Tremor, Teratogenesis (neural tube defects), Epigastric pain (GI distress).

**INCREASE GABA RELEASE:**

Valproate antidote:



SJS (must be titrated slowly), hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (black box warning)

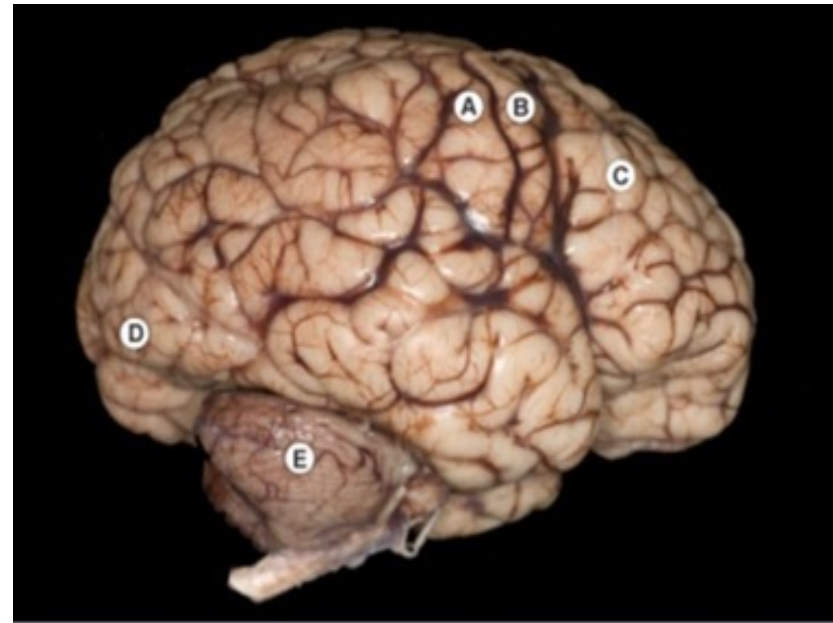
**31. A 5 year old patient presents to the OPD with dysphagia, dysarthria, and dysphonia. On examination, brisk jaw jerk is seen. What is the possible localisation in this patient?**

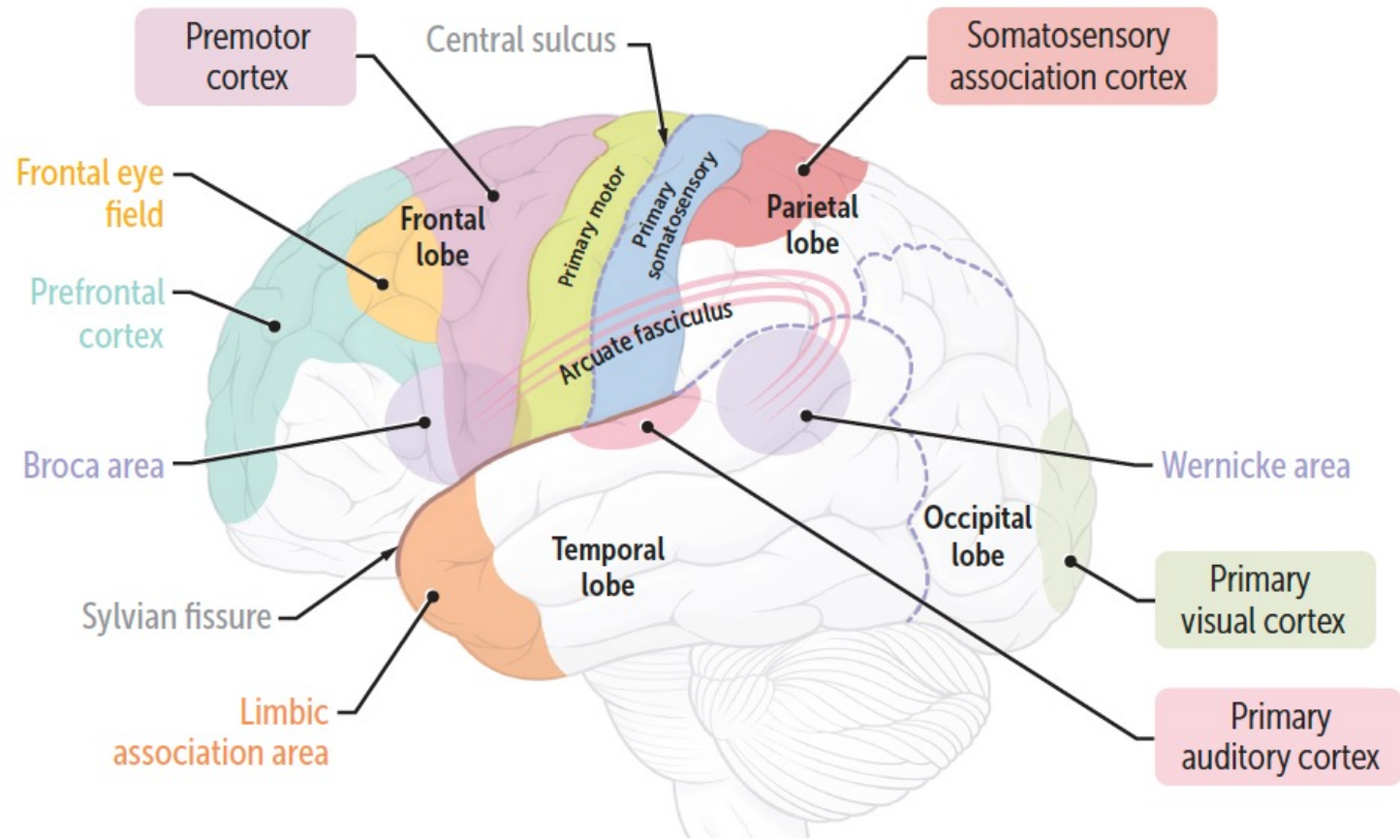
- A. Corticospinal tracts**
- B. Corticobulbar tracts**
- C. Mesencephalic trigeminal nucleus**
- D. V3 nerve**

|            | <b>Pseudobulbar<br/>(UMN: 5,7,10,11,12)</b> | <b>Bulbar<br/>(LMN: 9,10,11,12)</b> |
|------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Gag reflex |   |                                     |
| Jaw jerk   |   |                                     |
| Tongue     |   |                                     |
| Speech     | Laboured/spastic                            | Nasal twang<br>Nasal regurgitation  |

**32. 65-year-old man with a history of atrial fibrillation comes to the office due to numbness of his left hand for the past 3 weeks. When the eyes are closed, he is unable to recognize the letters written on his left hand with a stylus. Muscle strength is normal in all extremities. Deep tendon reflexes are 2+. Gait is normal. This patient most likely has a lesion in which of the following locations of the brain?**

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D





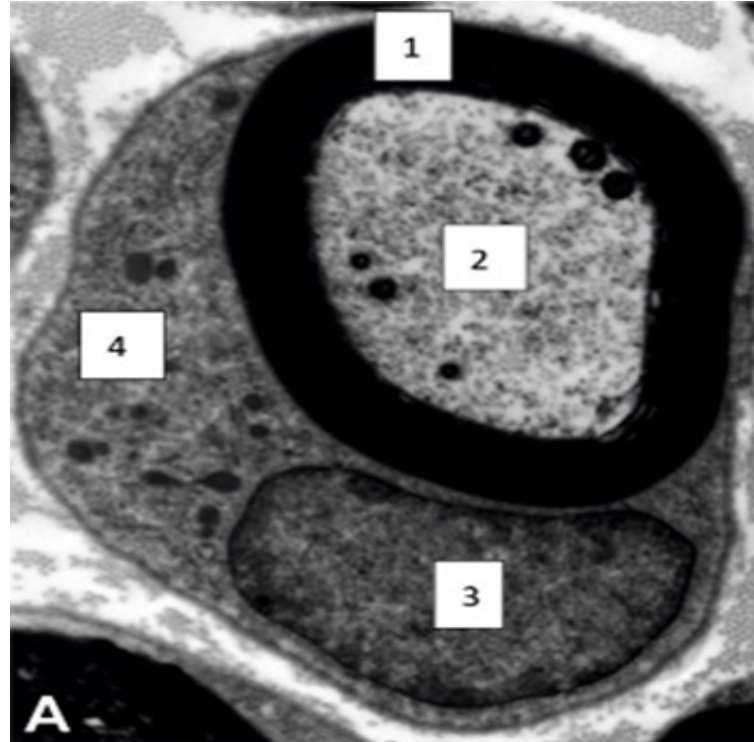
**33. A 30-year-old lady who is 2 weeks postpartum presents with headache, and acute episode of generalized seizures. The contrast-enhanced CT of the head is shown below. What is the drug of choice for the acute management of her condition?**

- A. IV Labetalol
- B. IV MgSo4
- C. LMWH
- D. Aspirin



**34. An electron microscopic picture of a cut section of a nerve fiber is given. What is the most commonly affected area in Guillain-Barre syndrome?**

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4



**35. A 5-year-old boy has developed persistent food-seeking behavior over the past few months. His mother initially thought that the boy was undergoing a growth spurt, but despite how much she fed him he never seemed satisfied. The patient has also started complaining of a headache and nausea in the morning. His physical examination is significant for BMI of 32 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. This patient's food-seeking behavior could be explained by a lesion causing hyperactivity of which hypothalamic nucleus?**

- A. Anterior**
- B. Lateral**
- C. Supraoptic**
- D. Ventromedial**

**36. If you see the word "yellow," you'll likely recognize "banana" faster than "television" because yellow and banana are more closely linked in memory. Which of the following structures is this concept dependent on?**

- A. Amygdala**
- B. Hippocampus**
- C. Neocortex**
- D. Striatum**

**37. What would be the likely “classical” presentation of this patient?**



- A. Romberg sign with loss of DTR**
- B. UMN + LMN features**
- C. Cape like distribution**
- D. Only preserved dorsal column function**

**38. Which of the following features are typically associated with delirium?**

- 1. Impaired consciousness**
- 2. Altered sleep-wake cycle**
- 3. Normal EEG**
- 4. Carphologia**
- 5. Autonomic Dysfunction**

**A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**

**B. 2, 3, 5**

**C. 1, 3, 5**

**D. 1, 2, 4, 5**

**39. A motorcyclist suffered a head injury 6 months back and presents with persistent memory deficits following injury. Choose the most appropriately matched option related to memory?**

- A. Hippocampus and implicit memory**
- B. Neocortex and associative learning**
- C. Medial temporal lobe- Declarative memory**
- D. Angular gyrus- procedural memory**

## **Declarative / Explicit Memory:**

### **•Semantic (factual):**

- Prefrontal cortex
- Temporal cortex (lateral and anterior)

### **•Episodic (events):**

- Hippocampus
- Medial temporal lobe
- Neocortex

## **Nondeclarative / Implicit Memory:**

### **•Procedural (skills, habits):**

- Striatum
- Cerebellum
- Motor cortex

### **•Priming and perceptual:**

- Neocortex

### **•Associative learning (classical conditioning):**

- Amygdala
- Cerebellum

**40. A 65 year old patient has normal fluency and repetition of speech but impaired naming and comprehension. What is the likely diagnosis?**

- A. Transcortical sensory aphasia**
- B. Transcortical motor aphasia**
- C. Conduction aphasia**
- D. Wernicke aphasia**

**41. A 22-year-old woman came to the hospital with complaints of excruciating paroxysmal pain on the right side of her lips, gums, and cheek. The episodes last for 2-3 min. Which of the following is incorrect regarding the primary drug used in the treatment of this condition?**

- A. It can cause agranulocytosis**
- B. It is a Chloride channel opener.**
- C. It also has anti-epileptic activity against focal seizures**
- D. It can lead to hyponatremia in the elderly**

**42. 72-year-old man with a history of Parkinson disease comes to the OPD for follow-up. The patient has been taking carbidopa-levodopa since being diagnosed 5 years ago and has required increasing doses to control his symptoms. He is now taking the maximum dose but reports worsening stiffness and difficulty moving between his scheduled doses; these symptoms improve after he takes the medication. Entacapone is added to his treatment regimen. This drug is most likely to improve this patient's symptoms through which of the following mechanisms?**

- A. Decreasing peripheral levodopa degradation**
- B. Directly stimulating dopamine receptors**
- C. Enhancing the effect of endogenous dopamine**
- D. Inhibiting central muscarinic receptors**

**43. Thalidomide should not be used in which of the following conditions?**

- A. HIV-associated peripheral neuropathy**
- B. HIV-associated aphthous ulcers**
- C. Behcet syndrome**
- D. Erythema nodosum leprosum**

**44. A 36-year-old woman presents with a unilateral throbbing headache associated with nausea and vomiting. She has had similar episodes in the past where the headache usually lasts for 1-2 days. Bright light increases her discomfort and she prefers sitting in a dark room. Which of the following are used to prevent further episodes of this condition?**

- 1. Sumatriptan**
- 2. Propranolol**
- 3. Naproxen**
- 4. Topiramate**

- A. 2 and 4**
- B. 1, 2 and 3**
- C. 1,2 and 4**
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4**

## **MIGRAINE**

**First line:**

**DOC: 5HT1B/1D+ :**

**5HT1F + : LASMIDITAN (acute)**

**Prophylaxis:**

**Propranolol**

**Topiramate**

**Valproate**

**New drugs:**

**CGRP-: RimeGEPANT, AtoGEPANT  
(oral-acute/prophylaxis)**

**ERENUMAB, GALANEZUMAB,  
FREMANEZUMAB (monthly sc**

**injection),**

**EPTINEZUMAB (quarterly iv  
infusion)**

## **CLUSTER HEADACHE**

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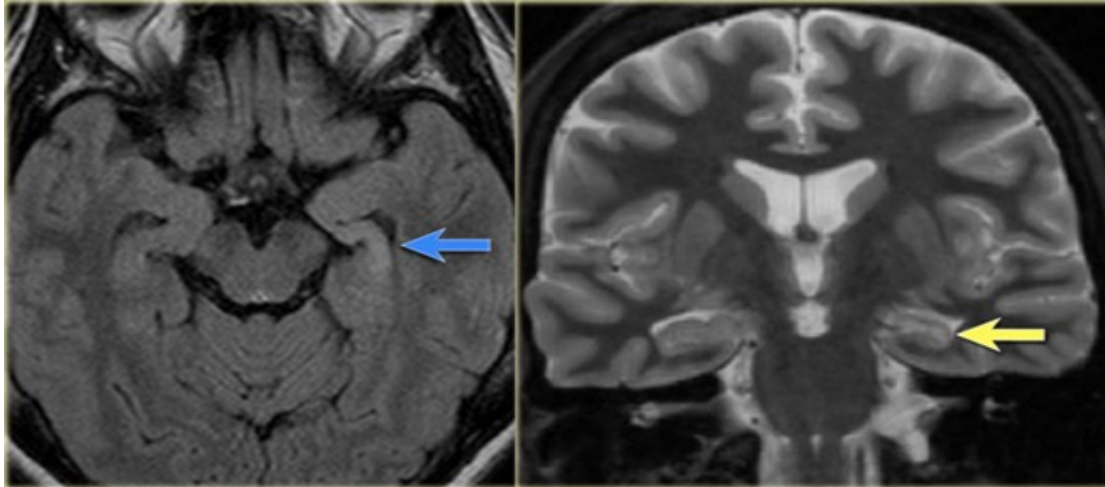
**Prophylaxis:**

## **TENSION HEADACHE**

**DOC:**

**Prophylaxis:**

**45. Which of the following statements is false regarding the following pathology:**



- A. It results in focal seizures with dyscognitive features**
- B. The person experiences an aura before the seizure**
- C. It is associated with a family history of epilepsy**
- D. Seizures can be controlled with anticonvulsants such as carbamazepine**

**46. A middle-aged woman presents with progressive atrophy and weakness in her hands and forearms. On examination, she is found to have spasticity of the legs. Which of the following is the least likely feature to suggest ALS?**

- A. Babinski positive**
- B. Spontaneous fasciculations**
- C. Impaired bowel and bladder function**
- D. Preserved ocular mobility**

**47. A patient is presenting with a staggering gait and nystagmus (Romberg sign +ve) after a road traffic accident. Which lobe of cerebellum is affected?**

**A. Flocculonodular**

**B. Dentate**

**C. Anterior lobe**

**D. Vermis**

| <b>Cerebellar Part</b>  | <b>Connections &amp; Function</b>  | <b>Lesion Features</b>  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Flocculonodular lobe (vestibulocerebellum)</b>               | Linked with vestibular nuclei, maintains balance & eye movements                           | <b>Truncal ataxia, staggering gait, nystagmus, positive Romberg</b> |
| <b>Anterior lobe (spinocerebellum)</b>                          | Proprioceptive input from spinal cord, regulates posture & leg coordination                | <b>Gait ataxia, often in alcoholics (anterior lobe syndrome)</b>    |
| <b>Vermis</b>   | Controls axial trunk muscles   | <b>Truncal ataxia, broad-based gait</b>                             |
| <b>Dentate nucleus (lateral hemisphere / cerebrocerebellum)</b> | Coordinates planning & initiation of voluntary movement via corticopontocerebellar pathway | <b>Dysmetria, intention tremor, dysdiadochokinesia</b>              |

**48. In the below question mechanical receptors are given with their functions. Choose the correctly matched pair.**

- A. Pacinian Corpuscle - Fast Vibration**
- B. Ruffini - Fine touch**
- C. Meissner – Stretch**
- D. Merkel - Slow Vibration**

**49. A 70-year-old right-handed man is brought to the emergency department due to sudden onset of right-sided weakness and urinary incontinence that began about 10 hours ago. On examination, there is 4/5 strength in the right upper extremity, 1/5 strength in the right lower extremity, and a Babinski sign on the right side. Sensation is decreased throughout the right foot and leg. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis of this patient?**

- A. Left Anterior cerebral artery stroke.**
- B. Lacunar stroke**
- C. Left middle cerebral artery stroke.**
- D. Right ACA stroke**

**50. A 5-year-old boy is brought to the emergency department because of a 2-day history of lower leg weakness, swallowing difficulty, and drooling of saliva. He has not yet received any childhood vaccinations. Two days after admission, the patient develops shortness of breath. Pulse oximetry shows an oxygen saturation of 64%. Despite resuscitative efforts, the patient dies of respiratory failure. At autopsy, examination of the spinal cord shows destruction of the anterior horn cells. Neurological examination of this patient would have most likely shown which of the following findings?**

- A. Positive Babinski sign**
- B. Clasp knife spasticity**
- C. Hyporeflexia**
- D. Sensory loss**

**51. A 4-year-old boy presents with fever, headache, irritability, nuchal rigidity, and photophobia. CSF analysis shows:**

- Glucose: 60 mg/dL**
- Protein: 80 mg/dL**
- RBCs: 2/mm<sup>3</sup>**
- WBCs: 85/mm<sup>3</sup>**

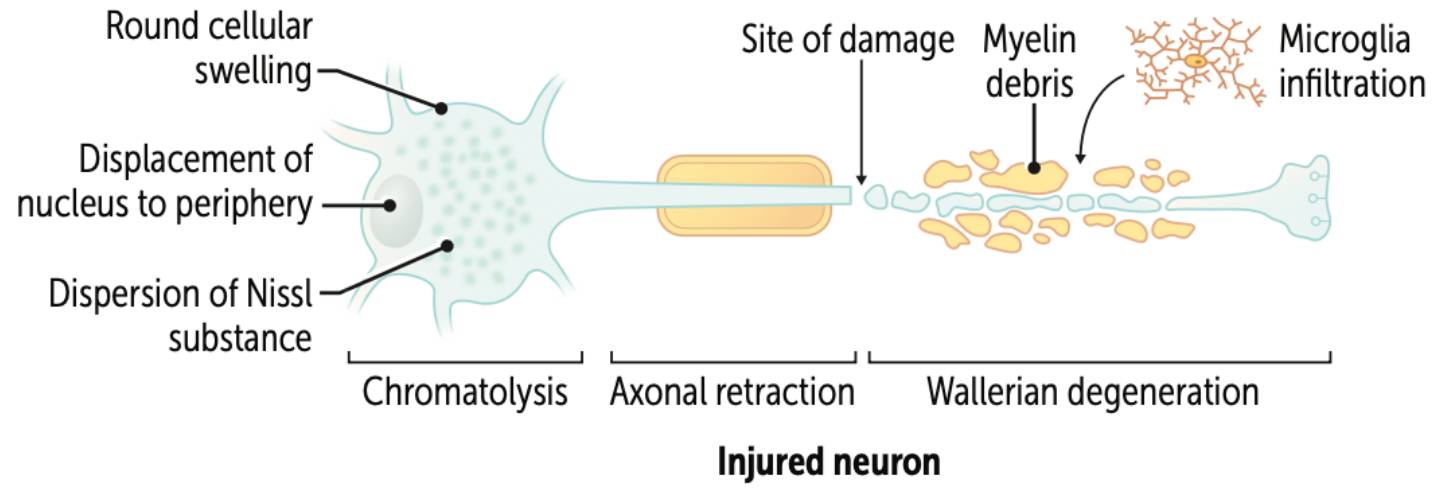
**(10% neutrophils, 70% lymphocytes, 20% monocytes)**

**Which of the following pathogens is most likely responsible?**

- A. Cryptococcus neoformans**
- B. Group B coxsackievirus**
- C. Mycobacterium tuberculosis**
- D. Neisseria meningitidis**

**52. An investigator is studying cellular repair mechanisms in various tissues. One of the samples being reviewed is from the anterior horn of the spinal cord of a patient who was involved in a snowboard accident. Pathologic examination of the biopsy specimen shows dispersion of the Nissl bodies, swelling of the neuronal body, and a displacement of the nucleus to the periphery in numerous cells. Which of the following is the most likely explanation for the observed findings?**

- A. Neurodegenerative changes**
- B. Wallerian degeneration**
- C. Central chromatolysis**
- D. Reactive astrogliosis**



**53. All of the following are tauopathies, except:**

- A. Pick's disease**
- B. Corticobasal degeneration**
- C. Progressive supranuclear palsy**
- D. REM behavioral disorder**

**Synucleinopathies:**

- Parkinson's disease
- Dementia with Lewy bodies
- Multiple system atrophy

**Tauopathies:**

- Alzheimer's disease
- Progressive supranuclear palsy
- Corticobasal degeneration
- Pick's disease
- Chronic traumatic encephalopathy
- Pantothenate kinase-associated degeneration
- Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE)
- Down syndrome

**54. A 26-year-old female patient presents with 6/60 visual acuity in one eye and 6/18 in the other eye. She has recurrent episodes of diminution of vision which recovers on treatment with steroids. MRI shows the following changes. What is the most probable diagnosis?**

- A. Hereditary spastic quadriplegia**
- B. Subacute combined degeneration**
- C. Neuromyelitis optica**
- D. Multiple sclerosis**



**55. A previously healthy 51-year-old man is brought to the emergency department because of confusion for 2 hours. His wife reports that he fell and hit his head while changing a ceiling light the previous evening. On arrival, he is unconscious. His temperature is 37.1°C (98.8°F), pulse is 54/min, respirations are 8/min and irregular, and blood pressure is 198/106 mm Hg. The right pupil is dilated and fixed; the left pupil is round and reactive to light. There is extension of the extremities to painful stimuli. He is intubated and mechanically ventilated. A mannitol infusion is begun. A noncontrast CT scan of the brain shows herniation of the right medial temporal lobe. Which of the following is the most likely additional finding in this patient?**

- A. Right-sided hemiplegia**
- B. Bilateral spasticity**
- C. Bilateral lower limb paralysis**
- D. Right eye esotropia and elevation**

**56. Disorders of autonomic function should be considered in patients with:**

- 1. Unexplained orthostatic hypotension**
- 2. Dysuria**
- 3. Hyperhidrosis**
- 4. Urinary incontinence**
- 5. Dementia**

- A. 3 and 5**
- B. 1, 3 and 4**
- C. 2 and 4**
- D. 1, 2 and 5**

| System           | Features  |
|------------------|---|
| Cardiovascular   | Orthostatic hypotension, tachycardia, exercise intolerance            |
| Sudomotor        | Hyperhidrosis or anhidrosis, heat intolerance                         |
| Gastrointestinal | Gastroparesis, constipation, diarrhea, swallowing difficulty          |
| Genitourinary    | Urinary incontinence/retention, erectile dysfunction, vaginal dryness |
| Pupillary        | Abnormal pupil responses, difficulty with light adaptation            |
| Other            | Emotional lability, temperature dysregulation                         |

**57. In a patient with Guillain-Barre syndrome, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy is suspected when\_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. GBS deteriorates >8 weeks after onset or relapses at least two times**
- B. GBS deteriorates >5 weeks after onset or relapses at least three times**
- C. GBS deteriorates >9 weeks after onset or relapses at least three times**
- D. GBS deteriorates >5 weeks after onset or relapses at least two times**

| <b>Feature</b>     | <b>GBS (AIDP)</b>     | <b>CIDP</b>                                |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Onset</b>       | Acute, monophasic     | Insidious, chronic/progressive             |
| <b>Progression</b> | ≤ 4 weeks             | ≥ 8–9 weeks                                |
| <b>Relapses</b>    | Rare, < 2             | ≥ 3 relapses                               |
| <b>Treatment</b>   | IVIg / Plasmapheresis | Steroids, IVIg, plasmapheresis (long-term) |

**58. In patients with multiple sclerosis, which of the following is used to determine neurological impairment?**

- A. Modified Well's score**
- B. Hess and Hunt's scale**
- C. Kurtzke expanded disability status scale**
- D. Revised McDonald criteria**

**60. 42-year-old woman comes to the office due to worsening double vision and gait unsteadiness. She states she had cramping abdominal pain and diarrhoea 2 weeks ago after an outdoor picnic which spontaneously resolved after 3 days. The double vision began 4 days ago and is persistent and progressive. She has had no fever, headache, neck pain, photophobia, or bowel or bladder dysfunction. On physical examination, she is fully alert and oriented with normal memory, speech, and language comprehension. There is mild ptosis of the right eye with weakness of the medial and upward gaze. Left eye movements are normal. Bilateral lower-extremity weakness with loss of deep tendon reflexes is present. Bilateral upper-extremity muscle strength, reflexes, and coordination are normal. Sensation to touch and pinprick is normal throughout. Which of the following is the most likely cause of this patient's current condition?**

- A. Botulinum toxin ingestion**
- B. Dietary thiamine deficiency**
- C. Immune-mediated nerve injury**
- D. Neuroinvasive virus infection**

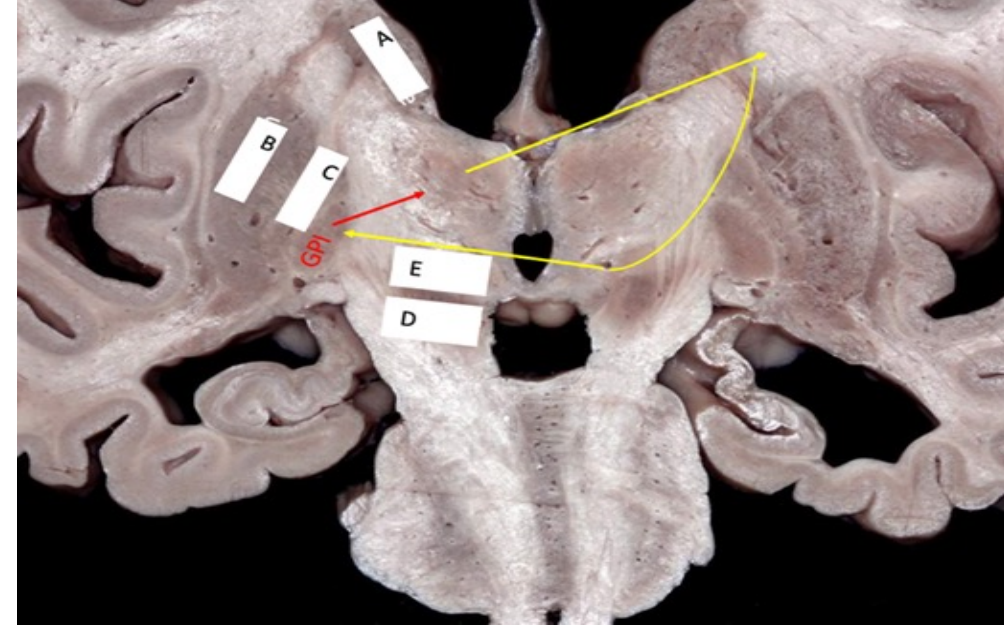
**63. 61-year-old male patient comes to the office complaining of involuntary shaking of his hands. It started on the right side but now his left handshakes as well. The shaking disappears with purposeful activity and worsens with emotional stress. He does not have a family history of tremors. Physical examination reveals a resting hand tremor with a frequency of 4-5 cycles/sec. There is some muscle rigidity of both arms. His gait and posture are normal. His mini mental status exam yields a score of 30/30. Which of the following is the most appropriate treatment for this patient?**

- A. Clozapine**
- B. Lorazepam**
- C. Propranolol**
- D. Trihexyphenidyl**

## 64. Match the following:

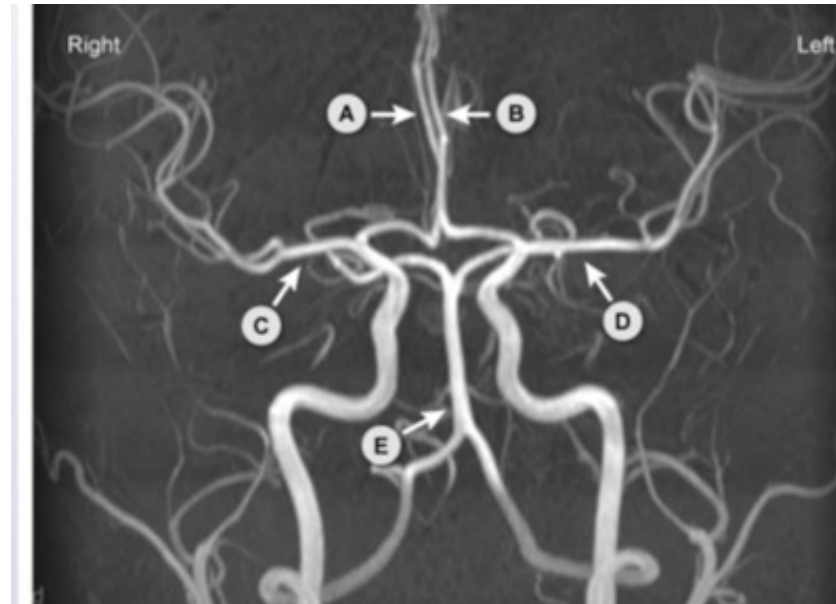
1. Preferred site for DBS for tremor reduction
2. Hemiballismus results from a lesion at this site
3. Chorea results from a lesion at this site
4. Athetosis is a result of a lesion at this site
5. Parkinsonism occurs due to defect here

- A. 1-A, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B, 5-E
- B. 1-E, 2-E, 3-A, 4-C, 5-D
- C. 1-D, 2-E, 3-A, 4-C, 5-D
- D. 1-D 2-A, 3-C, 4-B, 5-E



**65. 54-year-old man is brought to the emergency department by his wife after he develops difficulty speaking. When asked about the onset of his symptoms, the patient slowly responds with "weak... morning..." and becomes very frustrated. On examination, he is able to state his first name but with difficulty, and correctly points to different body parts on command. This patient's speech difficulties are most likely caused by a lesion affecting which of the following vessels?**

- A. A**
- B. E**
- C. C**
- D. D**



**66. Ischemia occurs in the brain when the cerebral blood flow falls below \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. 20 mL/100 g/min**
- B. 50 mL/100 g/min**
- C. 40 mL/100 g/min**
- D. 30 mL/100 g/min**

| <b>CBF (mL/100 g/min)</b> | <b>Brain Status</b>                     |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>&gt; 50</b>            | Normal perfusion                        |
| <b>20–40</b>              | Functional impairment onset             |
| <b>&lt; 20</b>            | Ischemia and irreversible damage starts |

**67. A 90-year-old female suffers an ischemic stroke in the context of diffuse atherosclerotic disease and dies four days later despite appropriate treatment. The predominant cell type seen on postmortem brain biopsy functions most similarly to which of the following?**

- A. Neutrophil**
- B. Eosinophil**
- C. T-lymphocyte**
- D. Monocyte**

| TIME SINCE ISCHEMIC EVENT | 12-24 HOURS  | 24-72 HOURS            | 3-5 DAYS                | 1-2 WEEKS  | > 2 WEEKS  |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Histologic features       | Eosinophilic cytoplasm + pyknotic nuclei (red neurons) | Necrosis + neutrophils | Macrophages (microglia) | Reactive gliosis (astrocytes) + vascular proliferation | Glial scar |

**68. A 50-year-old gravida 2, para 2 female presents with urinary incontinence. She reports daily episodes of a sudden need to void and has started to wear adult diapers. She also has intermittent motor and sensory loss, decreased visual acuity with painful eye movements, and worsening symptoms in summer. Further workup is most likely to reveal which of the following?**

- A. Positive leukocyte esterase and nitrites on urinalysis**
- B. Elevated IgG and myelin basic protein on CSF analysis**
- C. Elevated post-void residual volume on bladder ultrasound**
- D. Albumino-cytological dissociation**

**69. A 48-year-old female presents with visual changes, diplopia, and weakness worsening throughout the day. Ice pack test improves eyelid drooping. Chest X-ray shows an anterior mediastinal mass. Which of the following shares an embryonic origin with the cells of this mass?**

- A. Eustachian tube**
- B. Parathyroid glands**
- C. Greater horn of hyoid**
- D. Thyroid gland**

**90. A 50-year-old female presents with burning sensations and an irresistible urge to move her legs at night, relieved by movement. Which is the first-line drug that can be prescribed?**

- A. Clonazepam**
- B. Gabapentin**
- C. Riluzole**
- D. Benztropine**

**91. Which of the following drugs act on sodium channels and potentiate slow sodium inactivation?**

- A. Topiramate**
- B. Lacosamide**
- C. Phenytoin**
- D. Lamotrigine**

**92. A young woman, who is blind, presents with nighttime insomnia. What is the drug of choice for her condition?**

- A. Zolpidem**
- B. Ramelteon**
- C. Agomelatine**
- D. Tasimelteon**

**96. Which of the following drugs can be used in diabetic neuropathy, post herpetic neuralgia and spinal cord injury?**

- A. Pregabalin**
- B. Carbamazepine**
- C. Amitriptyline**
- D. Phenytoin**

**97. Which is the drug used for refractory intractable rheumatic chorea?**

- A. Haloperidol**
- B. Sodium valproate**
- C. Diazepam**
- D. Probenecid**

**98. A 72-year-old right-handed male is brought to the emergency department by his daughter. According to her, he had only shaved the right half of his face this morning. The patient displays poor insight into this behavior, although there are no obvious deficits in comprehension, speech, and repetition. His past medical history includes hypertension, which is well controlled with labetalol. Physical exam suggests intact comprehension, speech, and repetition. Sensation is grossly intact bilaterally, with no focal motor deficits appreciated. However, when asked to draw a clock face, he omits the numbers 8, 9, 10, and 11. Which of the following vessels is most likely affected in this patient?**

- A. Left anterior cerebral artery**
- B. Left middle cerebral artery**
- C. Left posterior cerebral artery**
- D. Right middle cerebral artery**

**99. A 40-year-old female is brought to the emergency department due to progressive dyspnea and fatigue for the past two days. One week prior, she was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection and subsequently treated with ciprofloxacin. She also reports a one-month history of intermittent fatigability that often worsens throughout the day and improves with rest. She denies fevers, weight loss, diarrhea, or sick contacts. Vital signs include a temperature of 36.9°C (98.5°F), blood pressure of 140/88 mmHg, heart rate of 94 beats/min, and shallow respirations of 22 breaths/min. Oxygen saturation is 91% on room air. Lungs are clear to auscultation bilaterally with accessory muscle use, and paradoxical abdominal wall motion is noted on inspiration. Achilles and patellar reflexes are 2+ bilaterally with decreased muscle strength in the upper and lower extremities. Arterial blood gas sampling is performed with the following results:**

**pH: 7.24**

**pCO<sub>2</sub>: 60 mmHg**

**pO<sub>2</sub>: 90 mmHg**

**Bicarbonate: 26 mEq/L**

**Based on this patient's presentation, which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?**

- A. Guillain-Barré syndrome**
- B. Myasthenic crisis**
- C. Polymyositis**
- D. Tetanus**

100. A team of genetics researchers is working to develop a new gene therapy targeting the downstream effects of Alzheimer disease. They sought out and identified multiple candidate genes through genome-wide association studies. A complete meta-analysis of studies involving autosomal dominant inheritance patterns using linkage-based methodology was reviewed to isolate relatively large culprit regions on chromosomes. Over twenty-nine variants were found to provide a statistically significant effect for increasing the odds of removal of dysfunctional beta-amyloid plaques. Of these, the research team discovered one candidate gene variant, which provided a greater conferred risk for lifetime development of sporadic Alzheimer disease than all other candidate genes. Which of the following confers the most significant risk for the development of Alzheimer disease?

- A. Multiple trinucleotide repeats of CAG
- B. Mutation of the LDLR gene on chromosome 19
- C. One copy of the APOE E4 gene on chromosome 19
- D. Two copies of the APOE E2 gene on chromosome 19

**59. What is the most common cause of death in patients with rheumatoid arthritis?**

- A. Atlantoaxial subluxation**
- B. Interstitial lung disease**
- C. Coronary artery disease**
- D. Gastrointestinal bleeding**

| <b>Feature of RA</b>          | <b>Most common</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Involved joints               |                    |
| Spine involvement             |                    |
| Extra-articular manifestation |                    |
| Cardiac manifestation         |                    |
| Valvular abnormality          |                    |
| Pulmonary manifestation       |                    |
| Hematological manifestation   |                    |
| Ocular manifestation          |                    |
| Lymphoma                      |                    |
| Cause of death                |                    |

**61. An elderly man presents with clinical findings are shown in the image. What is the most likely diagnosis?**

- A. Septic arthritis**
- B. Osteoarthritis**
- C. Psoriatic arthritis**
- D. Rheumatoid arthritis**



**62. Which of the following conditions predominantly involve the upper lobe of the lung?**

- A. Scleroderma**
- B. Ankylosing spondylitis**
- C. Asbestosis**
- D. Rheumatoid arthritis**

**70. Which of the following is not a first-line drug for the management of a patient with rheumatoid arthritis?**

**A. Sulfasalazine**

**B. Hydroxychloroquine**

**C. Methotrexate**

**D. Azathioprine**

**71. A 32-year-old woman comes to the OPD due to a 3-month history of painful, swollen wrists and knees. She also has joint stiffness, which is worse upon wakening and limits her daily activities. The patient's only other medical condition is hypothyroidism for which she takes levothyroxine. Plain radiographs of the joints show joint space narrowing and marginal erosions. Which of the following cytokines are primarily involved in the pathogenesis of this patient's joint destruction?**

- A. IL-1 and tumor necrosis factor-alpha**
- B. IL-2 and interferon gamma**
- C. IL-4 and IL-5**
- D. IL-10 and transforming growth factor-beta**

**72. A 44-year-old man comes to the emergency department due to worsening abdominal pain and vomiting. Urgent laparotomy reveals bilateral renal infarcts and multiple segments of necrosis and perforation in the small bowel. Microscopic examination of the vessel walls shows diffuse inflammation of the adventitia and marked thickening of the inner layers due to proliferation of loose connective tissue; the arterial lumen is significantly narrowed. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?**

- A. Bacterial endocarditis**
- B. Granulomatosis with polyangiitis**
- C. Polyarteritis nodosa**
- D. Microscopic polyangiitis**

**73. A 34-year-old man comes to the physician due to painful urination. Physical examination shows a watery penile discharge. Urethral swabs obtained from the patient are negative for gonococcal infection. He is treated appropriately and his symptoms resolve. Two weeks later, he develops acute conjunctivitis, right knee pain, and vesicular rash on his palms and soles. This patient's condition is most likely associated with which of the following?**

- A. Esophageal dysmotility**
- B. Polymyositis**
- C. Sacroilitis**
- D. Tabes dorsalis**

74. A 7-year-old boy is brought to the emergency department by his parents for arthralgias. Physical examination is shown. The knees are tender but do not appear warm or swollen. Urinalysis results are as follows:

- **Protein: 2+**
- **Blood: moderate**
- **Leukocyte esterase: trace**
- **White blood cells: 1-2/hpf**
- **Red blood cells (RBCs): many/hpf**
- **Casts: RBC casts**



**Which of the following mechanisms is the most likely underlying cause of this patient's renal findings?**

- A. Autoantibodies against podocyte antigens
- B. Autoantibodies to host cell basement membranes
- C. Immune complex deposition in glomerular mesangium
- D. Thrombosis of glomerular capillaries

**75. A woman, 35 years old, arrives with symptoms of skin thickening, weakened muscles, and paleness in the extremities when exposed to cold temperatures. Elevated levels of creatinine kinase are observed, and a muscle biopsy reveals perifascicular infiltration. Which antibody is linked to these findings?**

- A. Anti-U3 RNP**
- B. Anti-centromere antibody**
- C. Anti-PM-Scl antibody**
- D. Anti-Jo-1 antibody**

**76. All of the following can be given to a pregnant woman with SLE except?**

- A. Hydroxychloroquine**
- B. Azathioprine**
- C. Mycophenolate mofetil**
- D. Sulfasalazine**

**77. Which of the following anti rheumatoid drug increases extracellular adenosine?**

**A. Methotrexate**

**B. Lefunamide**

**C. Sulphasalazine**

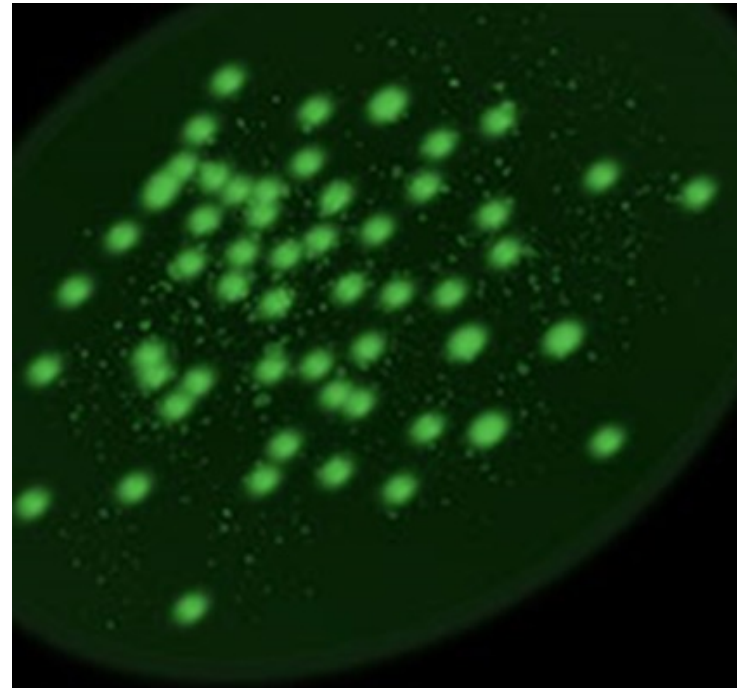
**D. Hydroxychloroquine**

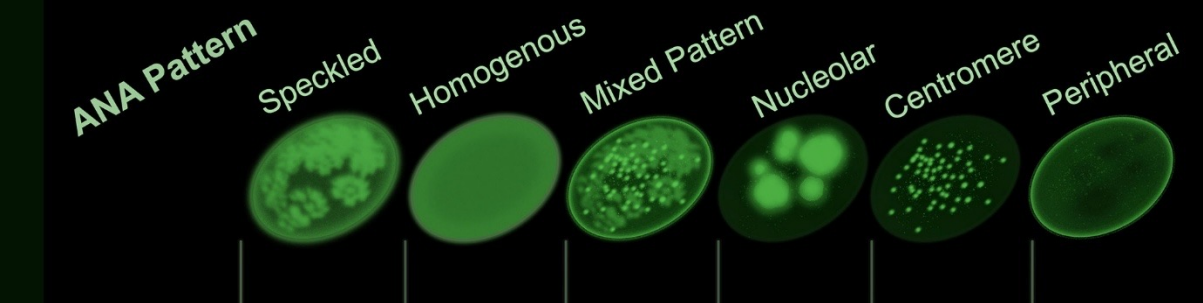
**78. A 57-year-old man comes to the physician because of sudden-onset fever, malaise, pain and swelling of his wrists and ankles that began a week ago. One month ago, he was started on hydralazine for adjunctive treatment of hypertension. His temperature is 37.8°C (100°F). Examination shows swelling, tenderness, warmth, and erythema of both wrists and ankles; range of motion is limited. Further evaluation is most likely to show an increased level of which of the following autoantibodies?**

- A. Anti-dsDNA**
- B. Anti-Smith**
- C. Anti- $\beta$ 2-glycoprotein**
- D. Anti-histone**

**79. 52-year-old woman presents with a history of cold-induced color changes in her fingers, tight and shiny skin on her face and fingers, and small dilated blood vessels visible on her face. She also mentions difficulty in making certain facial expressions due to skin tightness. ANA staining pattern of the patient is shown in the image below.**

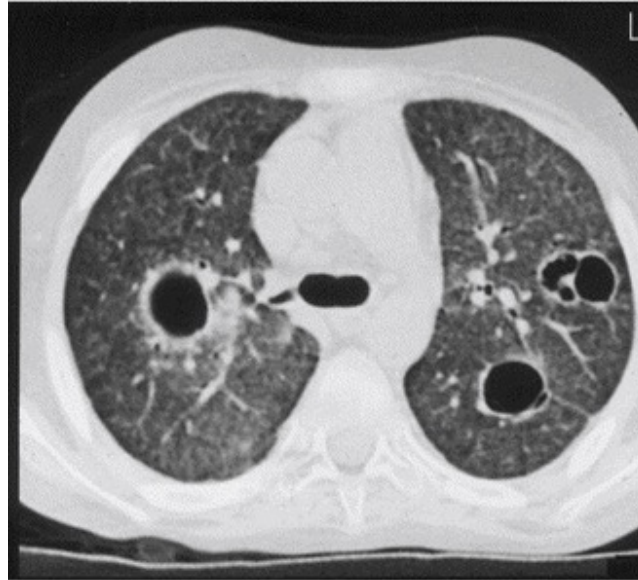
- A. Centromeric
- B. Homogenous
- C. Nucleolar
- D. Speckled





**80. An elderly patient presents with cutaneous vasculitis and hemoptysis. HRCT is shown below. Which investigation should be performed next to help you diagnose the condition?**

- A. C-ANCA**
- B. Anti-GBM**
- C. HbsAg**
- D. P-ANCA**



**81. A 51-year-old woman comes to the emergency department because of a 1-day history of severe pain in her left knee. To lose weight, she recently started jogging for 30 minutes a few times per week. She has type 2 diabetes mellitus and hypertension treated with metformin and chlorothiazide. On examination, her temperature is 38.5°C (101.3°F), pulse is 88/min, and blood pressure is 138/87 mm Hg. The left knee is swollen and tender to palpation with a significantly impaired range of motion. A 1.5 cm. painless ulcer is seen on the plantar surface of the left foot. Which of the following is most likely to help establish the diagnosis?**

- A. Perform arthrocentesis**
- B. Measure HLA-B27**
- C. Measure rheumatoid factor**
- D. Perform serum uric acid**

**82. A 30-year-old multiparous woman presents with chronic lower back pain. The pain is non-radiating, worse with activity, and improves with rest. There are no neurological deficits. X-ray pelvis shows bilateral symmetric sclerosis of the iliac side of the sacroiliac joints, with joint spaces preserved. What is the most likely diagnosis?**

- A. Ankylosing spondylitis**
- B. Osteitis condensans ilii**
- C. Sacroiliitis**
- D. Metastatic bone disease**



**83. A 55-year-old woman comes for evaluation of persistent morning stiffness. She was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis 4 months ago and was prescribed methotrexate. The patient currently takes the maximum tolerated dose, along with folic acid and as-needed naproxen. On examination, swelling, tenderness, and pain on range of motion are found at the metacarpophalangeal and proximal interphalangeal joints and wrists bilaterally. Treatment with etanercept is considered. Which of the following tests should be performed before beginning treatment with this agent?**

- A. HRCT chest**
- B. Echocardiogram**
- C. Fecal occult blood test**
- D. Interferon gamma release assay**

**84. 43-year-old man comes to the OPD due to joint pain and stiffness in both hands for the past 6 months. He sometimes awakens with hand pain at night. Hand radiographs reveal bilateral erosions and joint deformities involving the second and third metacarpophalangeal joints. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?**

- A. Rheumatoid arthritis**
- B. Hereditary hemochromatosis**
- C. Multiple myeloma**
- D. Reactive arthritis**



**85. All of the following characteristics are found in the pleural effusion fluid of a rheumatoid arthritis patient except:**

- A. RA factor**
- B. Cholesterol crystals**
- C. High glucose**
- D. High LDH**

**86. A triad of skin lesions, asymmetric mononeuritis multiplex and eosinophilia is seen in which of the following conditions?**

- A. Cryoglobulinemic vasculitis**
- B. Polyarteritis nodosa**
- C. EGPA**
- D. Giant cell arteritis**

**87. All the following conditions are manifestations of IgG4RD EXCEPT:**

- A. Autoimmune pancreatitis**
- B. Crescentic glomerulonephritis**
- C. Lymphoplasmacytic aortitis**
- D. Orbital pseudotumor**

**88. 35-year-old woman presents with fever and pain in knees and ankles. On the exam, she has B/L parotid swelling, and she has lesion shown in the picture below. Laboratory studies are normal except for a slightly increased calcium level. What is the most appropriate Rx?**

- A. Allopurinol**
- B. Corticosteroids**
- C. Methotrexate**
- D. Plasma Exchange**



**89. A 65-year-old female with severe headaches and sudden monocular vision loss has ESR of 67 mm/hr. Which of the following is the best next step in management?**

**A. Administration of oral corticosteroids**

**B. Temporal artery biopsy**

**C. Retinal imaging with optical coherence tomography (OCT)**

**D. Brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)**

**93. A patient having persistent allergic rhinitis is on treatment with intranasal steroids. You wish to add an antihistamine to his treatment regimen. He requests an intranasal preparation. Which of the following will you prescribe?**

- A. Ebastine**
- B. Mizolastine**
- C. Azelastine**
- D. Fexofenadine**

**94. Which is the monoclonal antibody approved for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis?**

- A. Nivolumab**
- B. Durvalumab**
- C. Sarilumab**
- D. Pembrolizumab**

**95. Which of the following is true about the WHO analgesic ladder for chronic pain in adults?**

- A. Intravenous route is preferred**
- B. Step 3 includes use of Morphine**
- C. Adjuvants are indicated only for mild pain**
- D. Analgesics are given "on demand"**

**WHO analgesic ladder** is a **three-step approach** for managing chronic pain:

**Step 1:** Non-opioids (e.g., paracetamol, NSAIDs) for mild pain.

**Step 2:** Weak opioids (e.g., codeine, tramadol) ± non-opioids for moderate pain.

**Step 3:** Strong opioids (e.g., morphine, fentanyl) ± non-opioids for severe pain.

**Thank You**

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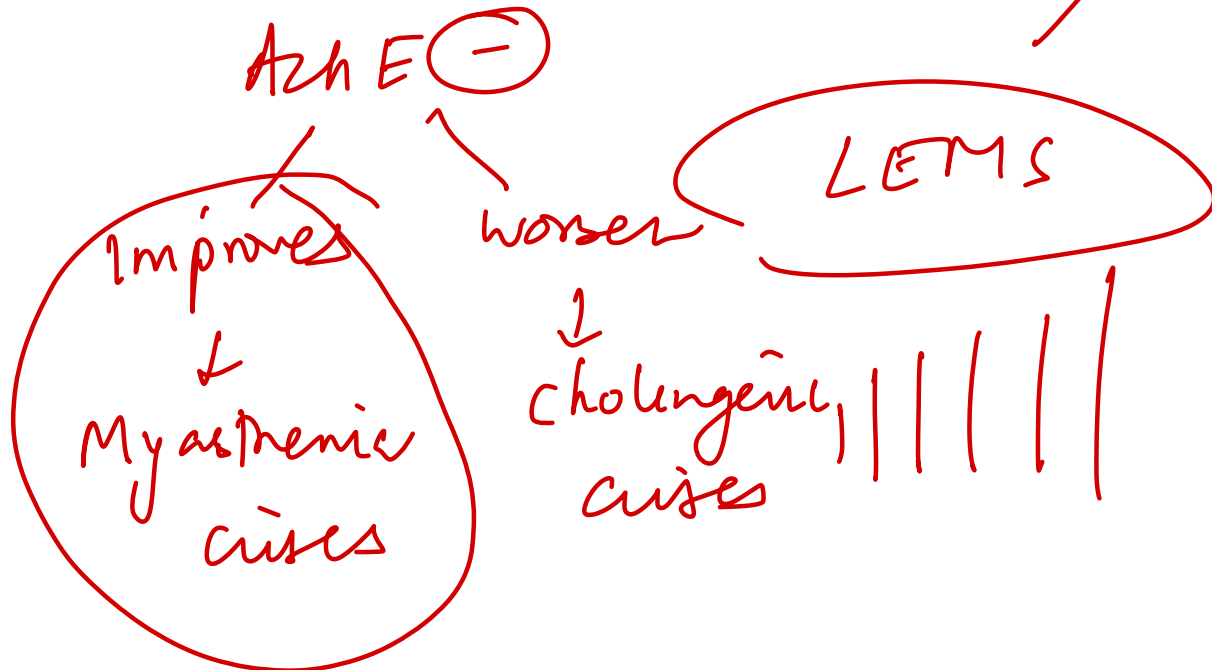
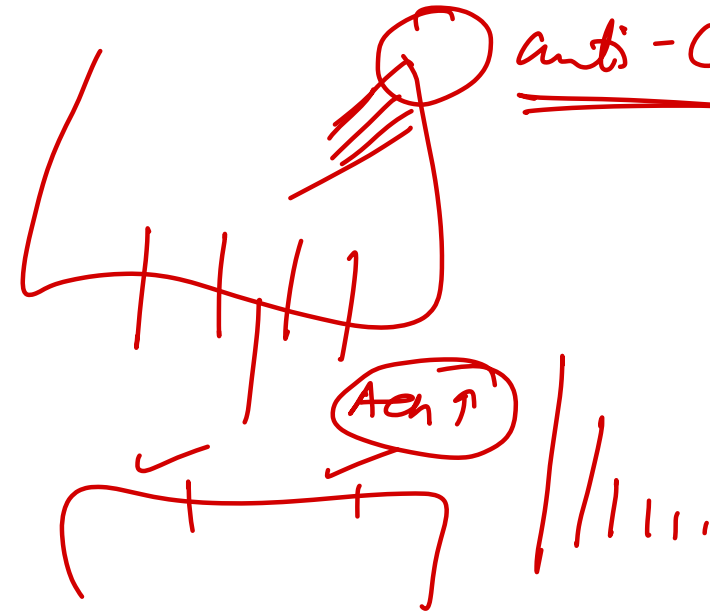
# 1. What is not a feature of myasthenia gravis among the following?

- A. Decremental response on RNS (T)
- B. Areflexia**
- C. Normal pupillary reflex
- D. Improvement of Inj. Edrophonium

NM Jn

Anti-AChR

anti-Ca<sup>2+</sup>

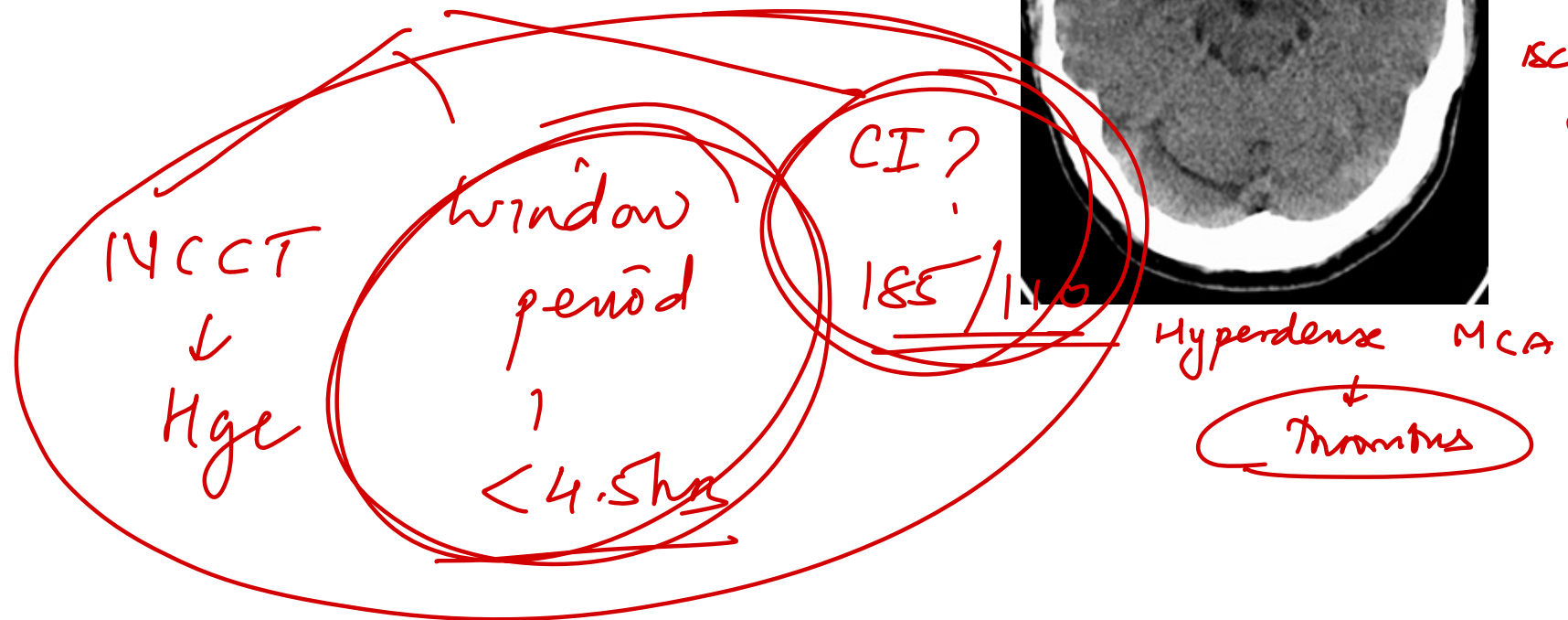


2. A patient presents with left-sided facial paralysis and weakness for the past 1 hour. Her blood pressure is 160/100 mmHg and CT is shown below. What would be your next step?

- A. CT angiogram BP: 160/110
- B. Start on aspirin + clopidogrel XX
- C. Intravenous thrombolysis
- D. IV Labetalol XX



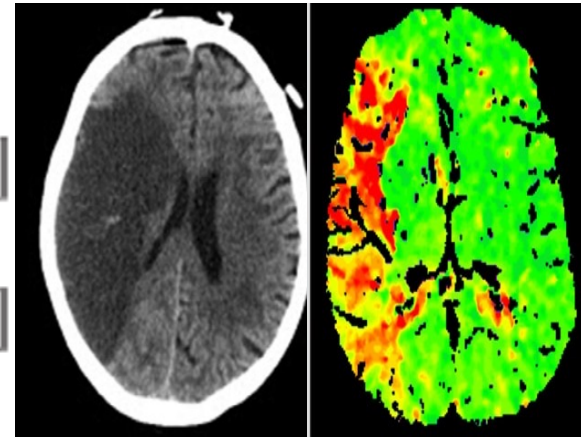
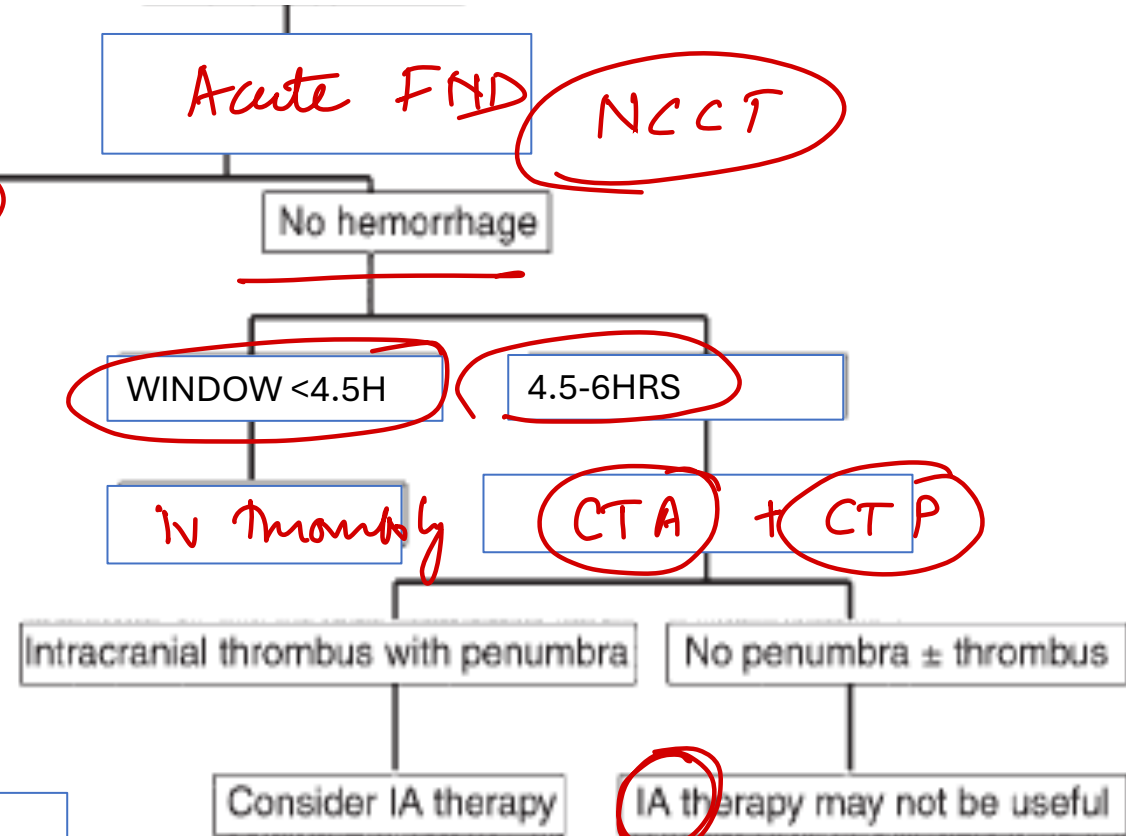
Ischemic stroke



# STROKE-APPROACH



- BP control  
- NSx



- BP > 185/110
- Bleeding diathesis
- Recent head injury or ICH
- Major surgery in preceding 2 weeks
- GI bleed in 3 weeks
- Recent MI

3. All of the following are the core clinical features for the diagnosis of Lewy body dementia except:

- A. Fluctuating cognition ✓
- B. Rigidity and pill-rolling tremors
- C. Visual hallucinations ✓
- D. Autonomic dysfunction ✓

RBD

PD

### Core Features of LBD

- Fluctuating cognition/alertness
- Recurrent, well-formed visual hallucinations
- REM sleep behavior disorder (RBD)
- Spontaneous Parkinsonism

### Supportive and Associated Findings

- Autonomic dysfunction
- Depression, apathy, anxiety
- Dysphagia

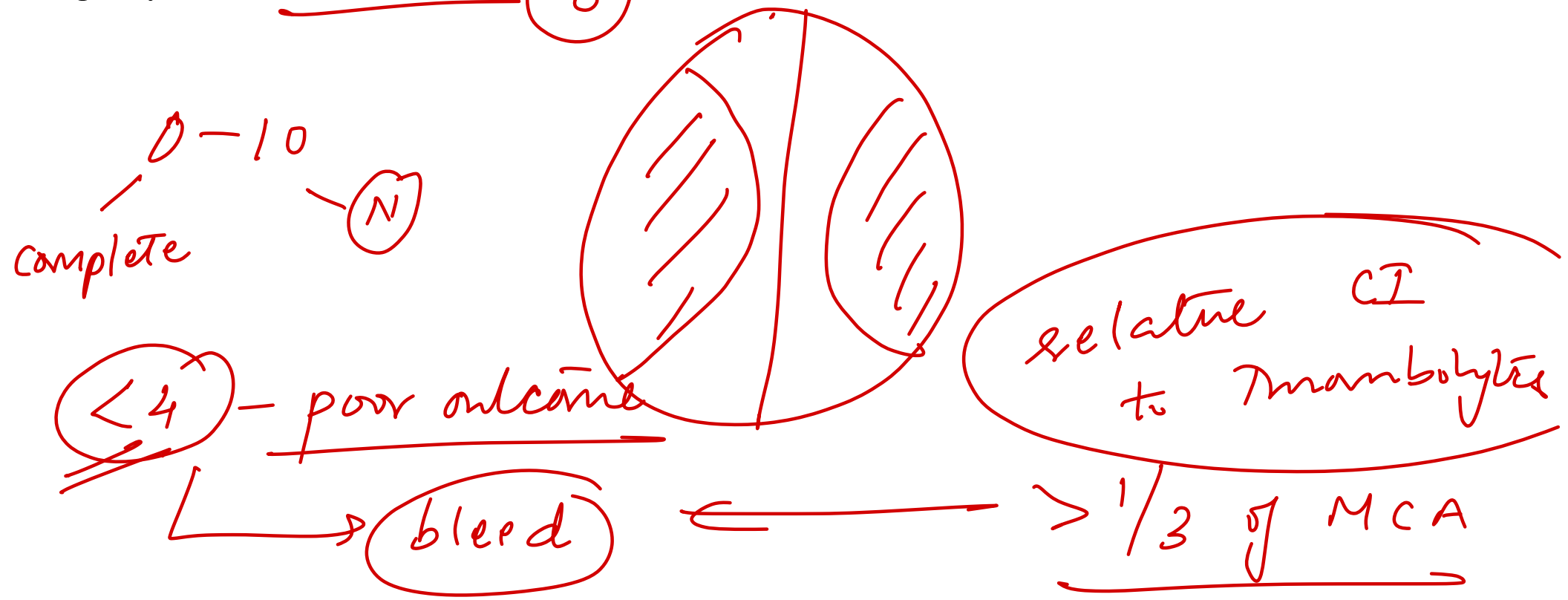
4. Thrombolysis can be considered in all these conditions, except?

A. ASPECTS score >7 😊

~~B. Blood pressure of more than 185/110mmHg~~ 😞

C. Ischemic stroke within 2 hours 😊

D. Onset of symptoms <4 hours 😊



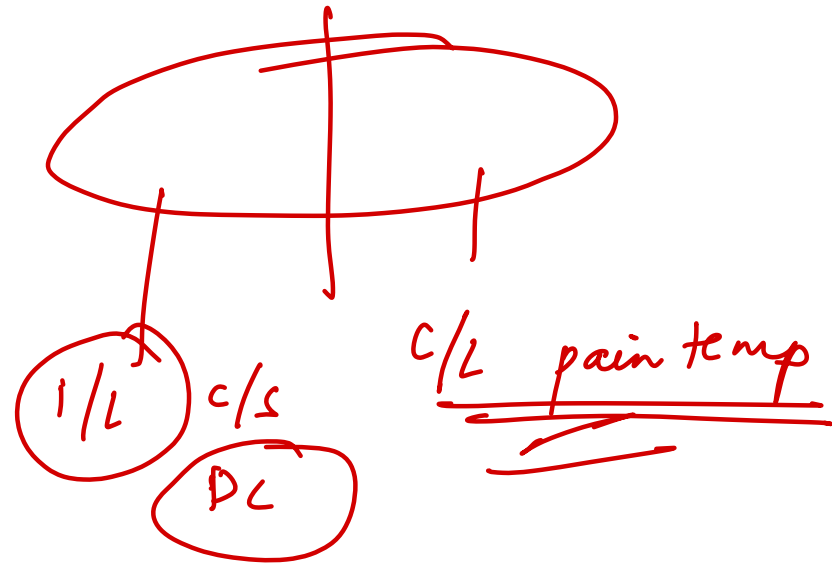
5. A 19-year-old man is brought to the emergency department after being stabbed in the back. Neurological examination demonstrates the absence of motor activity in all muscle groups of the right lower extremity as well as decreased muscle tone. Left leg motor function is normal. Right patellar reflex, Achilles reflex, and Babinski sign are absent. There is loss of light touch and proprioception below the right costal margin. Pinprick sensation is absent below the level of umbilicus on the left side. Which of the following is the most likely location of this patient's injury?

- A. Anterior spinal artery injury at T8
- B. Right spinal transection at T10
- C. ~~Left spinal hemisection at T8~~
- D. Right spinal hemisection at T8

*DC spared*

*T10*

*T8*



6. A 27-year-old man presents with four days of progressive, bilateral, lower extremity weakness and dysesthesia. The patient denies any history of trauma, but states that he stayed home from work last week because of fever accompanied by diarrhea. Neurologic examination demonstrates the absence of reflexes in the lower extremities with no cranial nerve deficits. What is the best therapy for this patient's condition?

A. Plasmapheresis

1/10/19

B. Glucocorticoids

XX

C. Acetaminophen

D. Radiation therapy

GI



LMN



ascending

GBS

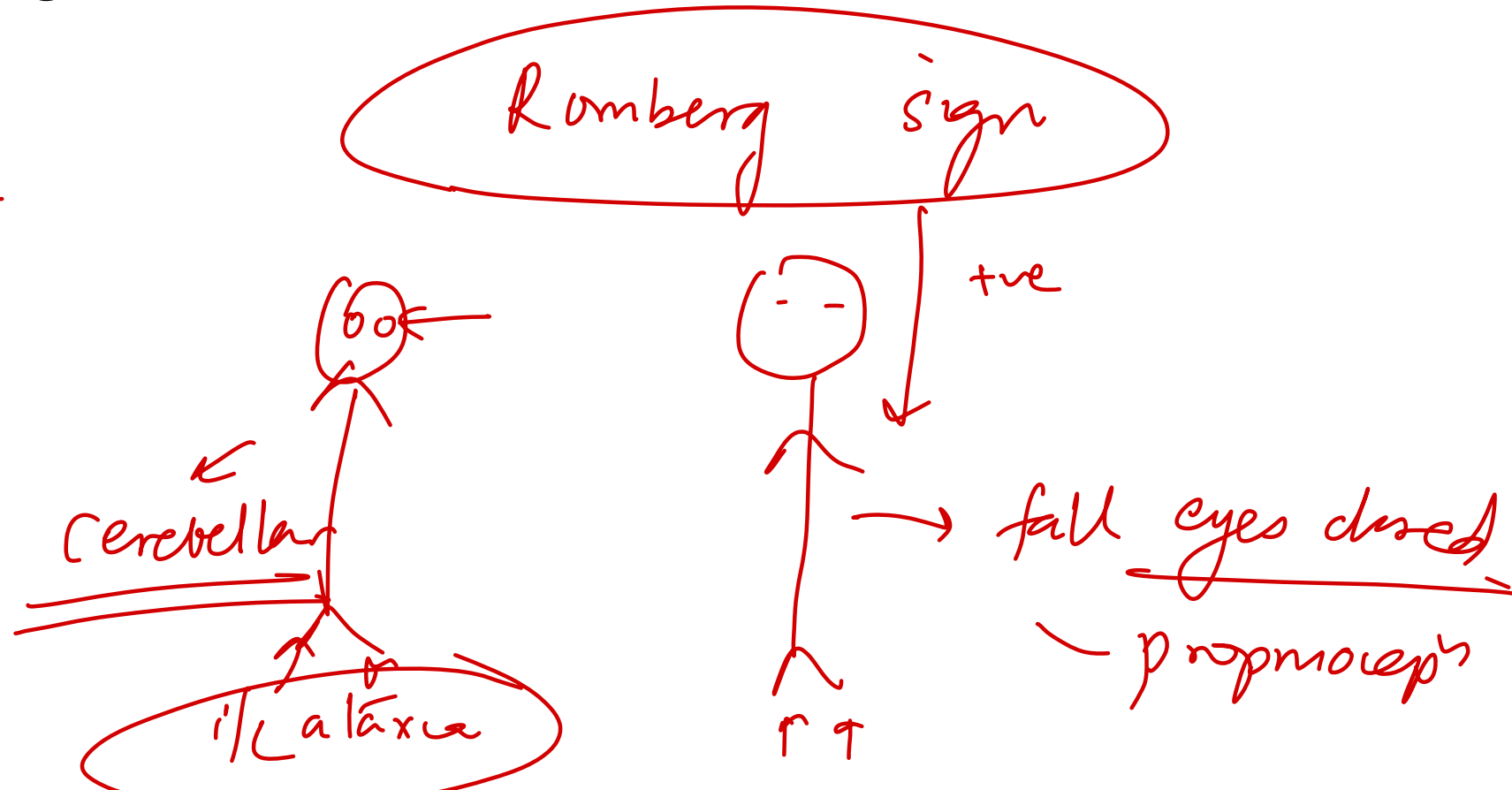
7. 34-year-old man is evaluated in the clinic due to difficulty walking over the past 2 weeks. His symptoms have resulted in several recent falls. The physician asks him to stand with his feet close together, arms to the sides, and eyes closed. This maneuver most likely tests for abnormalities in which of the following?

A. Cortical sensory integration *→ lateral*

B. Gait

C. Motor coordination

D. Proprioception



8. A 29-year-old woman comes to the OPD for treatment of anxiety that has worsened over the past year. She says, "My anxiety just comes out of the blue; one way or another, I'm anxious all the time. An anxiety disorder is diagnosed, and fluoxetine is prescribed. The patient's anxiety begins to improve over the next 4-6 weeks. The physician explains that the medication inhibits the reuptake of a neurotransmitter released by a specific set of neurons. These neurons are likely part of which of the following structures?

- A. Caudate nucleus → Ach / CAG / GABA
- B. Locus ceruleus → NE
- C. Nucleus basalis of Meynert → Ach
- D. Raphe nuclei

SSRI

9. All of the factors would suggest a higher risk for a patient with TIA developing stroke in the future according to ABCD2 scoring except?

A. Age 65 years

~~B.~~ Duration of symptoms 5 mins

C. BP 140/90mm Hg

D. Diabetes

| ABCD <sup>2</sup> score                 | Points |
|---|--------|
| Age > 60 years                          | 1      |
| BP = 140/90 mmHg at initial evaluation  | 1      |
| Clinical features of the TIA            |        |
| Speech disturbance without weakness, or | 1      |
| Unilateral weakness                     | 2      |
| Duration of symptoms                    |        |
| 10–59 min, or                           | 1      |
| >60 min                                 | 2      |
| Diabetes mellitus in patient's history  | 1      |

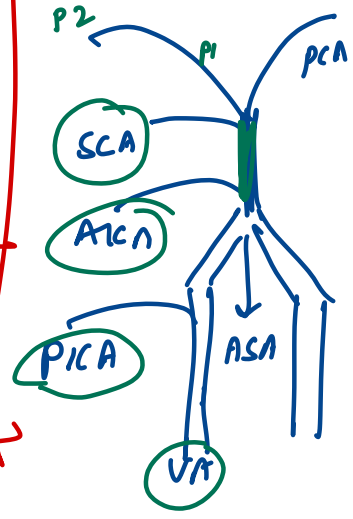
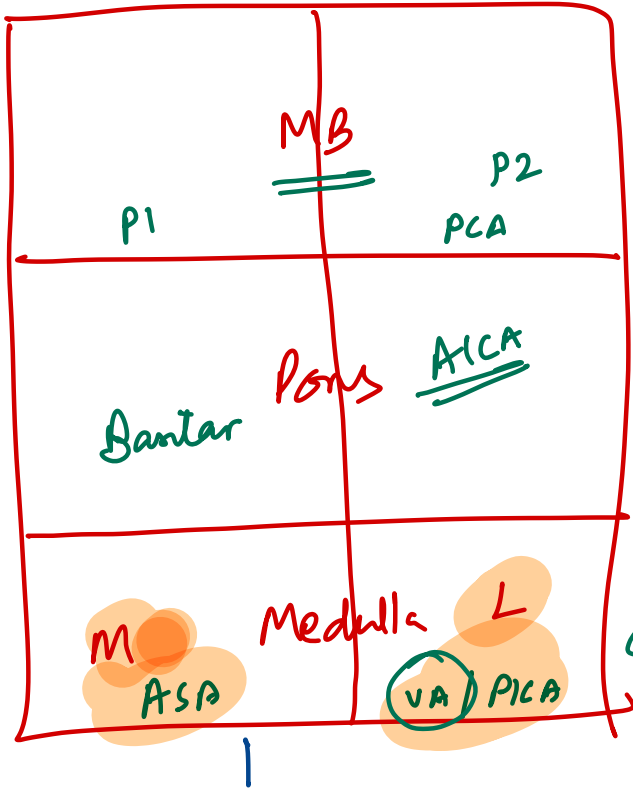
10. A patient presents with vertigo, diplopia, hoarseness, dysphagia and left Horner's syndrome associated with numbness of the left face and right-side limbs. Which artery is affected in this patient?

- A. Posterior inferior cerebellar artery
- B. Anterior inferior cerebellar artery
- C. Superior cerebellar artery
- D. Basilar artery

Lat medulla

Wallenberg

VA/PICA



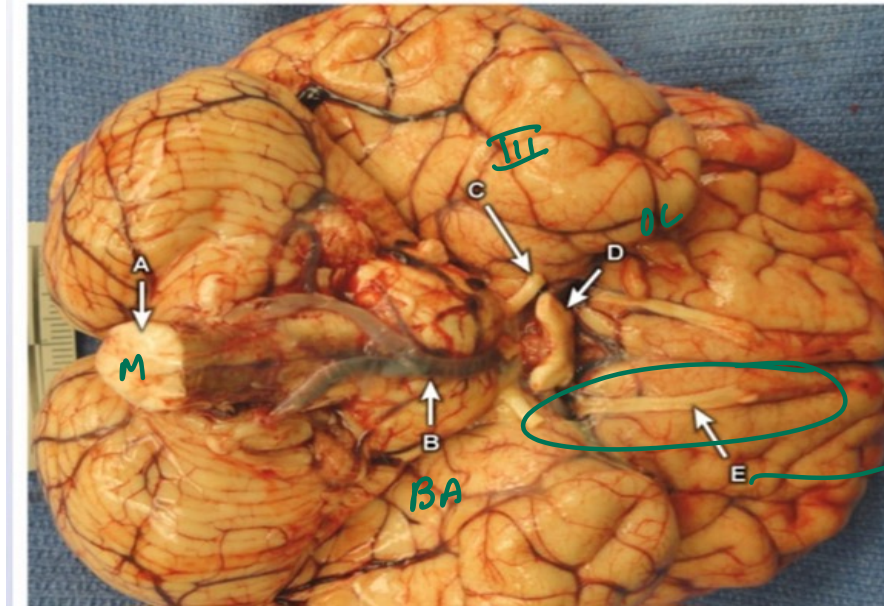
11. 24-year-old man is brought to the emergency department due to seizures. He has had 2 days of worsening fever, headache, and vomiting. Physical examination shows signs of meningeal irritation. The patient rapidly becomes comatose and dies 48 hours later despite aggressive medical care. Autopsy examination shows congested leptomeninges with fibrinopurulent exudate. Microscopy reveals numerous ameba in the exudate and brain tissue. Which of the following is the most likely portal of entry of this pathogen into the CNS?

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. E



*Naegleria*

*olf bulb*

12. A 62-year-old, right-handed man is evaluated for an episode of left leg weakness that spontaneously resolved within 30 minutes of onset. The patient also has had transient vision loss in the right eye. Medical history is significant for hypertension and diabetes mellitus. Evaluation reveals an atherosclerotic plaque in the extracranial portion of the supplying artery. During percutaneous stenting, the vascular catheter is inserted into the right common femoral artery and gradually advanced to the level of the aortic arch. Which of the following is the most likely path of the catheter before stenting of the culprit lesion can be performed?

A. Aorta - brachiocephalic artery - common carotid artery - external carotid artery

B. Aorta - brachiocephalic artery - ~~common carotid artery~~ - internal carotid artery

C. Aorta - common carotid artery - external carotid artery

D. Aorta - ~~common carotid artery~~ - internal carotid artery

*Anaurosis fugax*

AION

CRA

**13. Treatment of choice for an acute attack of cluster headache is:**

A. Oral ~~sumatriptan~~

**B. Subcutaneous sumatriptan**

C. 100% oxygen at ~~6~~ L/minute

D. ~~Propranolol~~

10-L/min  
12

100% O<sub>2</sub> +

Sumatriptan

14. A 38-year-old hospitalized woman is evaluated for new-onset confusion. The patient has a prolonged history of Crohn disease. Pupils are equal and reactive to light. Abduction of the right eye is limited and elicits bilateral horizontal nystagmus. Motor strength and deep tendon reflexes are normal throughout. Finger-to-nose and heel-to-shin testing are normal, but the gait is wide based. Which of the following is the most likely cause of this patient's neurologic symptoms?

A. Vitamin B12 deficiency

B. Thiamine deficiency

C. Folate deficiency

D. Cerebellar dysfunction

SACD

GOA

B12 def

DL

15. A 5-year-old boy is brought to the emergency department due to recurrent, generalized tonic-clonic seizures over the past 24 hours. He takes no medications and has no family history of epilepsy. The patient's temperature is 39.4 C (103 F), blood pressure is 110/70 mm Hg, pulse is 112/min, and respirations are 10/min. During the examination, the patient suddenly develops sustained, generalized tonic-clonic convulsions without fully regaining consciousness between episodes. Which of the following describes the mechanism of action of the most appropriate initial therapy for his seizures?

- A. Blockade of presynaptic voltage-gated calcium channels
- B. Blockade of presynaptic voltage-gated sodium channels
- C. Enhanced postsynaptic chloride influx
- D. Inhibition of vesicle fusion and neurotransmitter release

SE

B2D

Lorazepam

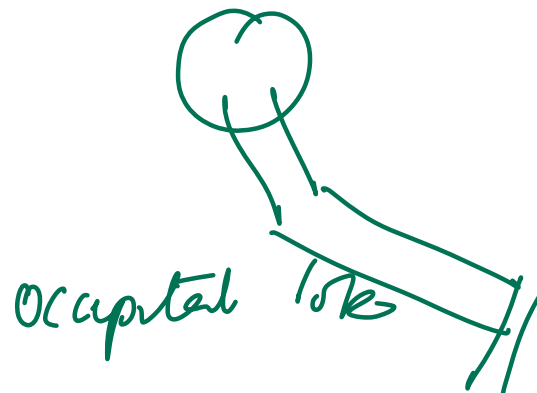
↑freq

GABA (+)

16. 74-year-old woman is brought to the emergency department by her son after he found her acting strangely. She was asking to open the window blinds, even though the blinds were already open and was bumping into objects when walking around her home. The patient insists that her vision is fine and came to the hospital upon her son's insistence. Bilateral direct and consensual pupillary reflexes are normal. On confrontation visual field testing, she reports the wrong number of fingers in all visual quadrants. The patient indicates the wrong direction when asked to point to the door and gives an incorrect visual description when asked to describe the physician. This patient most likely has an infarction involving the brain regions supplied by which of the following arteries?

ANTON SX

- A. Anterior cerebral artery
- B. Basilar artery
- C. Ophthalmic artery
- D. Posterior cerebral artery



17. True about electroencephalogram (EEG) is all except:

Pyq.

- A. ~~10%~~ of the normal population can have epileptiform discharges. (1%)
- B. Scalp EEG may be helpful in localizing frontal lobe epilepsy.
- C. Doing EEG is not mandatory for the diagnosis of seizures.
- D. Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy shows triphasic and slow waves.

Hepatic

18. 34-year-old woman with sleep problems comes to the OPD. Over the last year, she has had increasing difficulty falling asleep at night and is exhausted during the day. The patient does not use alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs. She has a family history of heart disease and depression. The patient has failed a number of nonpharmacological approaches, including cognitive-behavioral therapy for insomnia. She requests pharmacologic treatment and is prescribed a short course of zolpidem. Which of the following is the most likely mechanism of action of this medication?

- A. Dopamine receptor antagonism
- B. GABA receptor agonism**
- C. Histamine receptor antagonism
- D. Melatonin receptor agonism

BZD - like

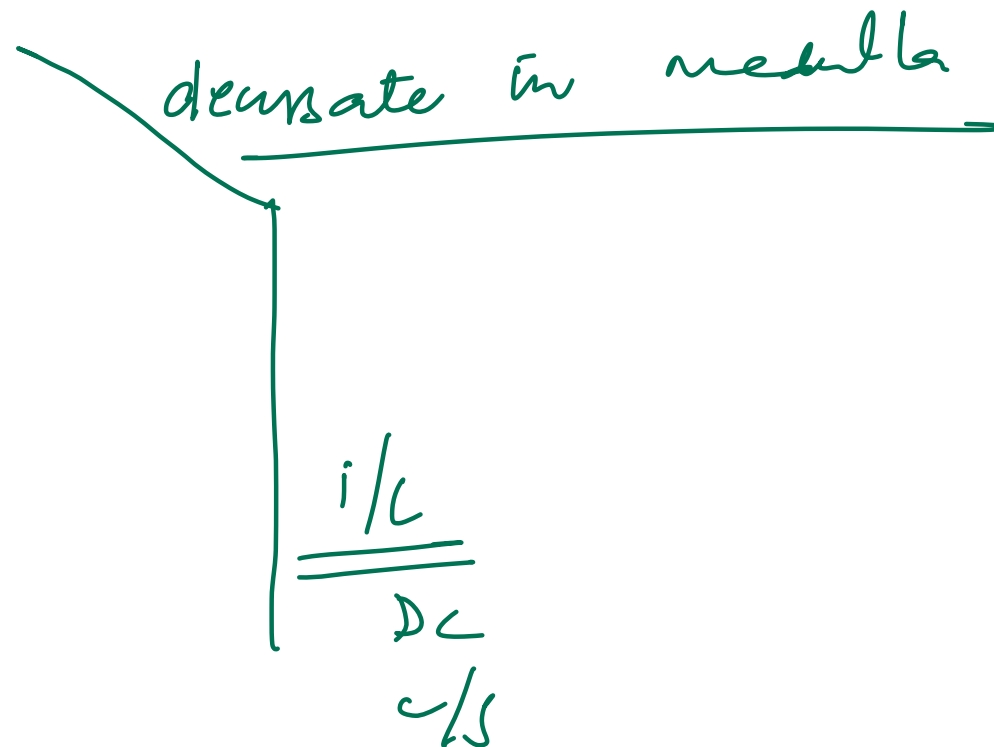
Against GABA - A

tolerance

dependence

19. Which of the following does not help in the localization of lesions in the spinal cord?

- ~~A. Contralateral hemiplegia~~ (above med pyramids)
- B. Fasciculation at the level of lesion
- C. Babinski positive UMN
- D. Bladder involvement



20. A patient presents with fever, neck rigidity and altered sensorium. The resident was instructed to perform a lumbar puncture on this patient. What is the correct order of managing this patient?

Pyq

1. Place IV cannula and give fluids at 40 mL/h
2. Start injection ceftriaxone
3. Fundoscopy
4. Perform guarded lumbar puncture

A. 1, 2, 4, 3

B. 1, 4, 3, 2

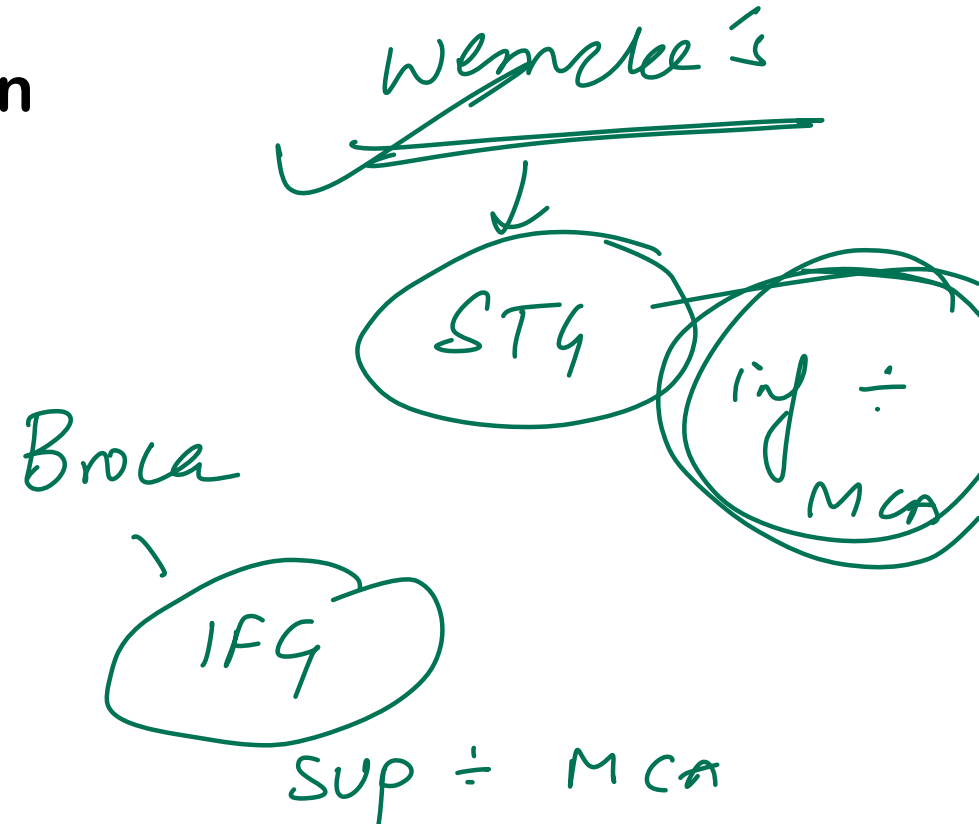
C. 4, 3, 2, 1

D. 1, 3, 4, 2

1 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 1

21. A highly agitated 54-year-old man is brought to the emergency department by his family because he is unable to effectively communicate. He speaks clearly and with conviction but his sentences are incomprehensible. He does not appear to understand the doctor's questions, does not follow oral or written instructions, and cannot repeat simple phrases. Branch occlusion of which of the following arteries is most likely responsible for this patient's condition?

- A. Right Middle cerebral artery-~~superior~~ division
- B. Right Middle cerebral artery-inferior division
- C. Left Middle cerebral artery-~~superior~~ division
- D. Left Middle cerebral artery-inferior division



22. What would be seen if the central part of the cord was involved?

1. LMN lesion of trunk and UMN of lower limbs.
2. UMN lesion of trunk and LMN of lower limbs.
3. Bladder and bowel involvement.
4. Posterior tract involvement.

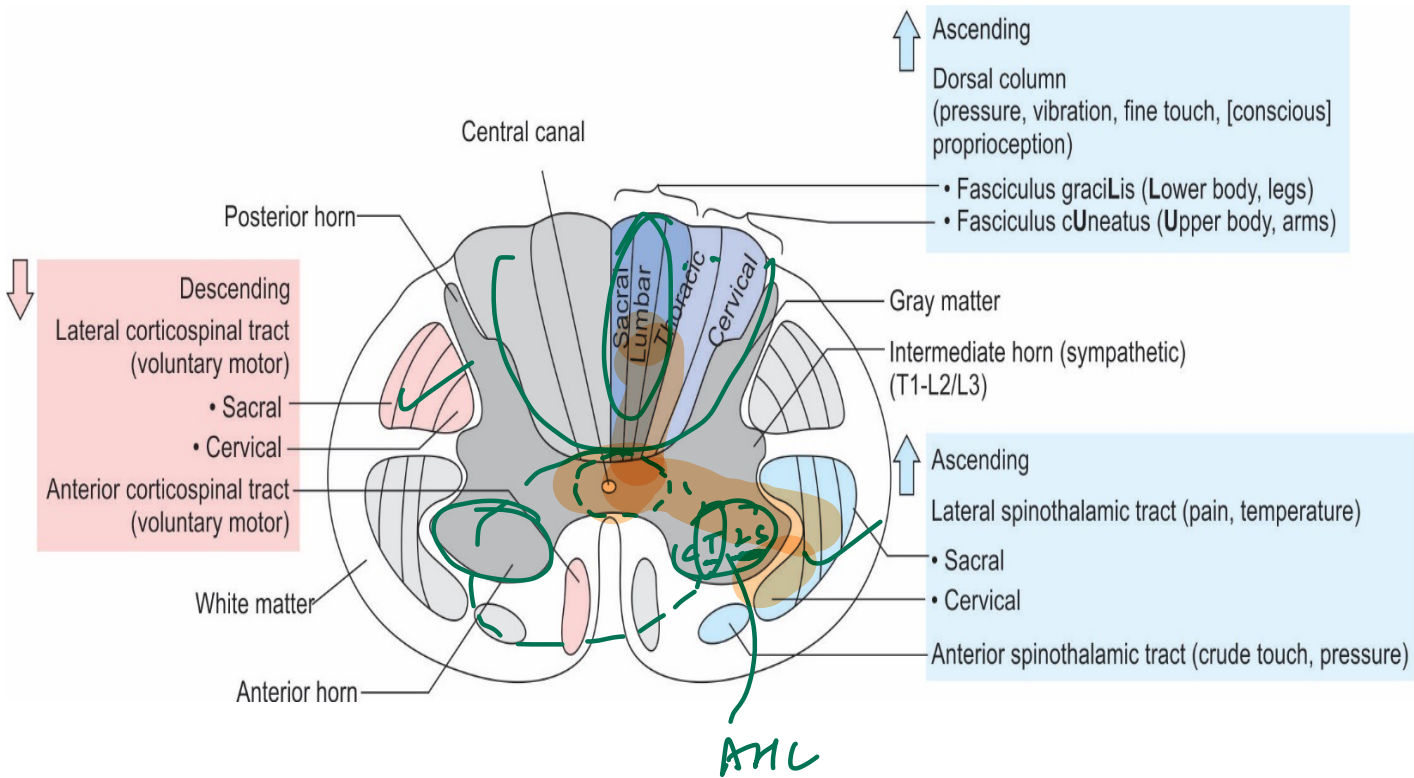
PYQ

A. 1 and 4

B. 2 and 3

C. 2 and 4

D. 1 and 3



23. Which of the following types of headaches requires further evaluation?

1. Duration  $\geq$  4 hours
2. Thunderclap nature
3. Associated Low GCS
4. Associated Blurring of vision

4-72 hrs

CT/MRI

A. 2, 3

B. 2, 4

C. 2, 3, 4

D. 1, 2, 3, 4

SHOPIO

Red flags -

1. Systemic symptoms (fever, weight loss)
2. Systemic disease (cancer, HIV, immunosuppression)
3. Neurologic symptoms/signs (focal deficits, altered GCS, papilledema)
4. Onset sudden (thunderclap)
5. Onset after age 50
6. Pattern change (new or progressive)
7. Positional headache (worse lying vs standing → CSF leak, ICP)
8. Precipitated by Valsalva/exertion (cough, sneeze, exercise → raised ICP, aneurysm)
9. Papilledema
10. Pregnancy / postpartum (risk of CVT, eclampsia, pituitary apoplexy)

24. A 44-year-old man comes to the OPD due to several weeks of difficulty walking and frequent falls. He also reports episodes of sharp, stabbing pain in his extremities. Deep-tendon reflexes are absent at the knee and ankle bilaterally. Proprioception and vibration sensation are reduced throughout the lower extremities. He has a wide-based gait and a positive Romberg sign. Which of the following diagnostic findings is most likely associated with this patient's current symptoms?

- A. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) culture growing acid-fast bacilli
- B. CSF PCR positive for herpes virus
- C. Encapsulated yeasts on CSF India ink preparation
- D. Reactive VDRL tests on CSF samples

TB

DC

tuberculosis

areflexia + neuropathy

ARP +

25. 35-year-old woman with a history of migraines is evaluated due to a recent increase in headache frequency and severity. She has had no focal weakness, sensory loss, vision changes, or seizures. Neuroimaging reveals a small aneurysm arising from the segment of right internal carotid artery within the cavernous sinus. If this patient's aneurysm continues to expand, which of the following findings is most likely to be observed?

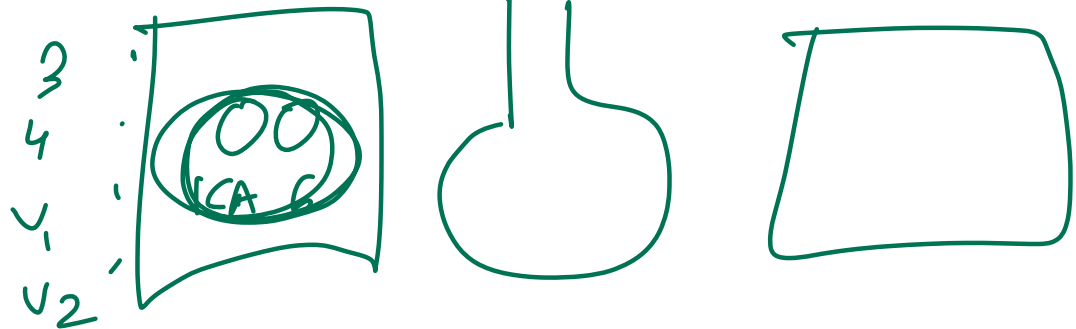
- A. Deviation of the tongue to the right when protruded
- B. Inability to contract the right orbicularis oculi muscle
- C. Vision defect affecting the left half of the visual field
- D. Weakness of the right lateral rectus muscle

12<sup>th</sup>

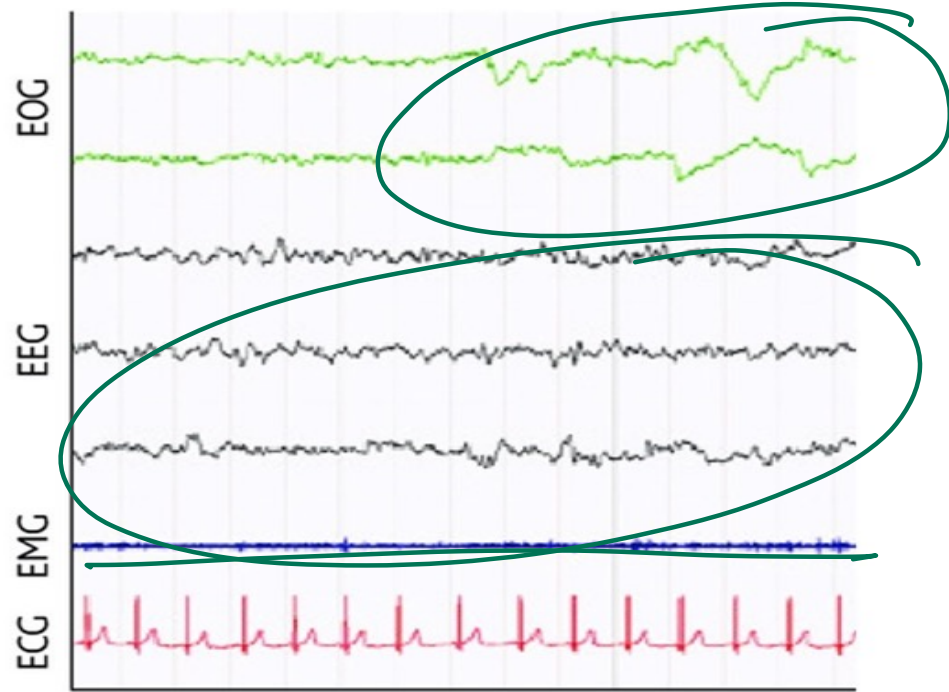
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LR 6

II



26. Identify the stage of sleep based on the EEG shown below:



REM / awake

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"

"

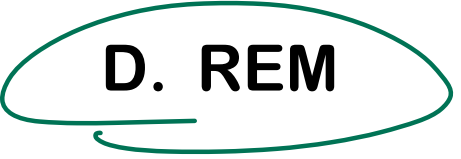


A. NREM1

B. NREM2

C. NREM3

D. REM



27. Which of the following findings is most likely to be seen on physical examination of this patient?

- A. Left dysdiadochokinesia
- B. Left Horner syndrome
- C. Right hemiparesis
- D. Right hemisensory loss



Pilocytic astrocytoma child

Hemangioblastoma adult

Cyst + mural nodule

1/2 cerebellum

28. 55-year-old woman is brought to the OPD by her husband for evaluation of strange behavior. She has been spending large amounts of money to buy expensive clothes and jewelry. She usually drinks 1 or 2 glasses of wine on weekends but lately has been drinking 2 or 3 glasses almost every day. This patient's condition is most likely due to abnormal accumulation of which of the following?

A. Ataxin *ATM*

B. Beta-amyloid *AD*

C. Prions

~~D. Ubiquitinated TDP-43~~

FTD

AD  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Tau} \\ \text{AB} \end{array} \right.$

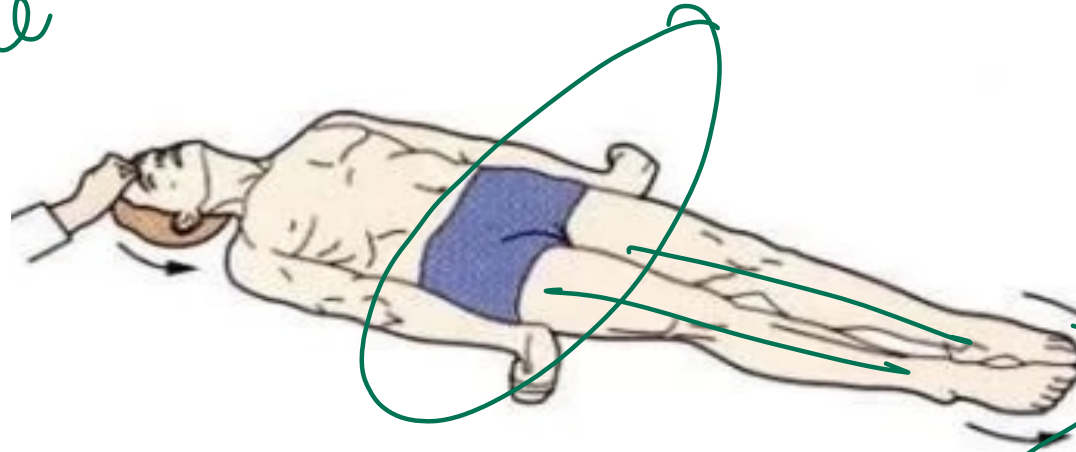
FTD - Tau

ALS

FTD

29. The posture shown in image is seen in :

*QP potential*



*U2*  
~~de~~ ~~cer~~ ~~brat~~ ~~e~~

~~de~~ ~~co~~ ~~trac~~ ~~te~~  
flex

- A. Upper pons hyperactivity
- B. Upper midbrain hyperactivity
- C. Upper pons damage
- D. Upper midbrain damage

| Posture     | Level of Lesion                 | Tracts affected   | Motor Manifestation   |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Decorticate | Above red nucleus<br>(midbrain) | Corticospinal tract disrupted<br>above red nucleus;<br>rubrospinal active | Upper limbs flexed (rubrospinal facilitation), lower limbs extended |
| Decerebrate | At or below red nucleus         | Corticospinal and rubrospinal tracts disrupted                            | Upper and lower limbs extended (vestibulospinal dominance)          |

30. In the figure shown below, mechanism of action of valproate is best represented by:

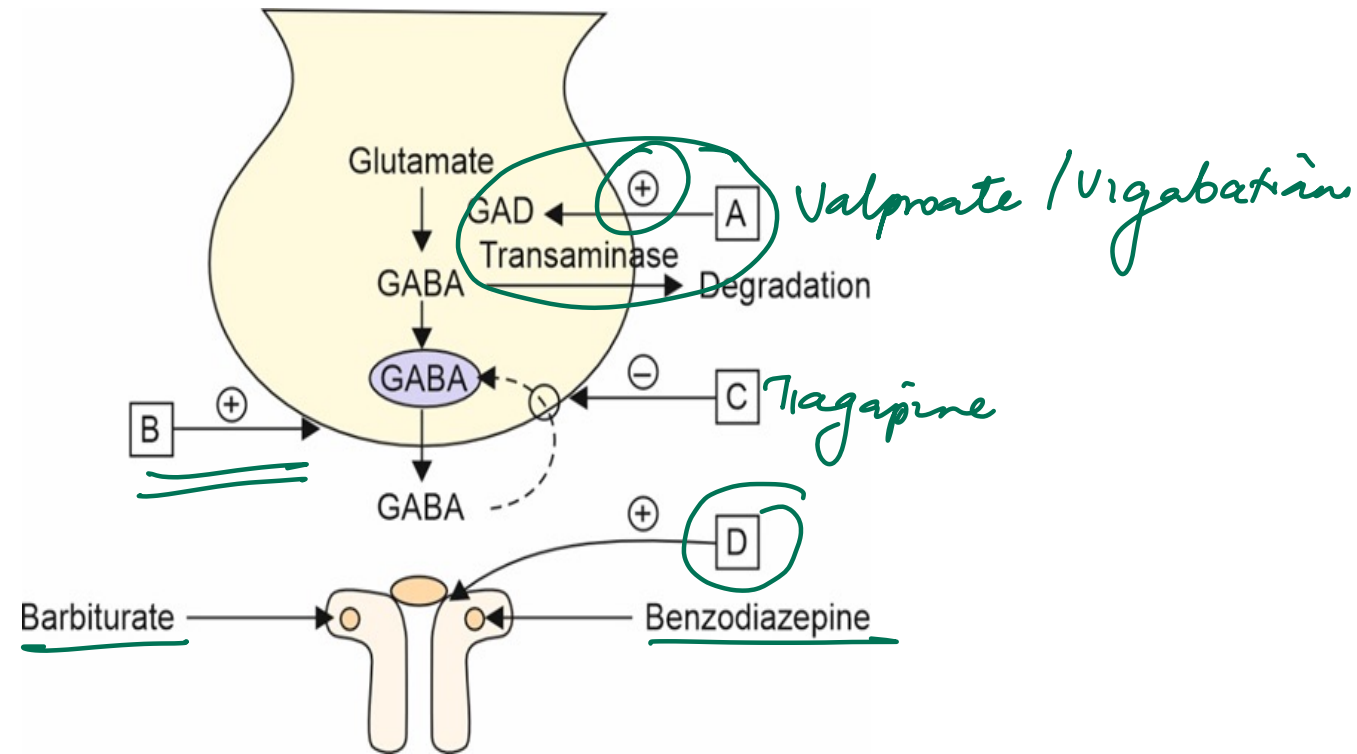
Py Q.

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D



# ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUGS

eee

S/e stones / ACG:

### Carbamazepine:

Diplopia, ataxia, blood dyscrasias (agranulocytosis, aplastic anemia), liver toxicity, teratogenesis (cleft lip/palate, spina bifida), induction of cytochrome P-450, SIADH, SJS

**Na<sup>+</sup> channel blockers**  
 Carbamazepine  
 Oxcarbamazepine  
 Phenytoin  
 Topiramate  
 Zonisamide  
 Lacosamide  
 Rufinamide *slow*

**Ca<sup>2+</sup> Channel blockers**  
 Ethosuximide  
 Gabapentin

**EFGHIJ-Ethosuximide**  
 Causes Fatigue, GI distress  
 Headache, Itching (and urticaria), SJS

**PPHENYTOIN:** cytochrome P-450 induction, Pseudolymphoma, Hirsutism, Enlarged gums, Nystagmus, Yellow-brown skin, Teratogenicity (fetal hydantoin syndrome), Osteopenia, Inhibited folate absorption, Neuropathy. Rare: SJS, DRESS syndrome, drug-induced lupus. Toxicity leads to diplopia, ataxia, sedation.

**SV2A Receptor blocker**  
 Levetiracetam

**K channel opener:**  
 Retigabine/Ezogabine

All CYP inducers except:

**GABA<sub>A</sub> agonists**  
 Benzodiazepines  
 Topiramates  
 Phenobarbital *de*

**INCREASE GABA RELEASE:**  
*pregabalin*

**INHIBITORY NEURON**  
 Succinic semi-aldehyde (SSA)  
 GABA transaminase

**GABA reuptake inhibitor**  
 Tiagabine

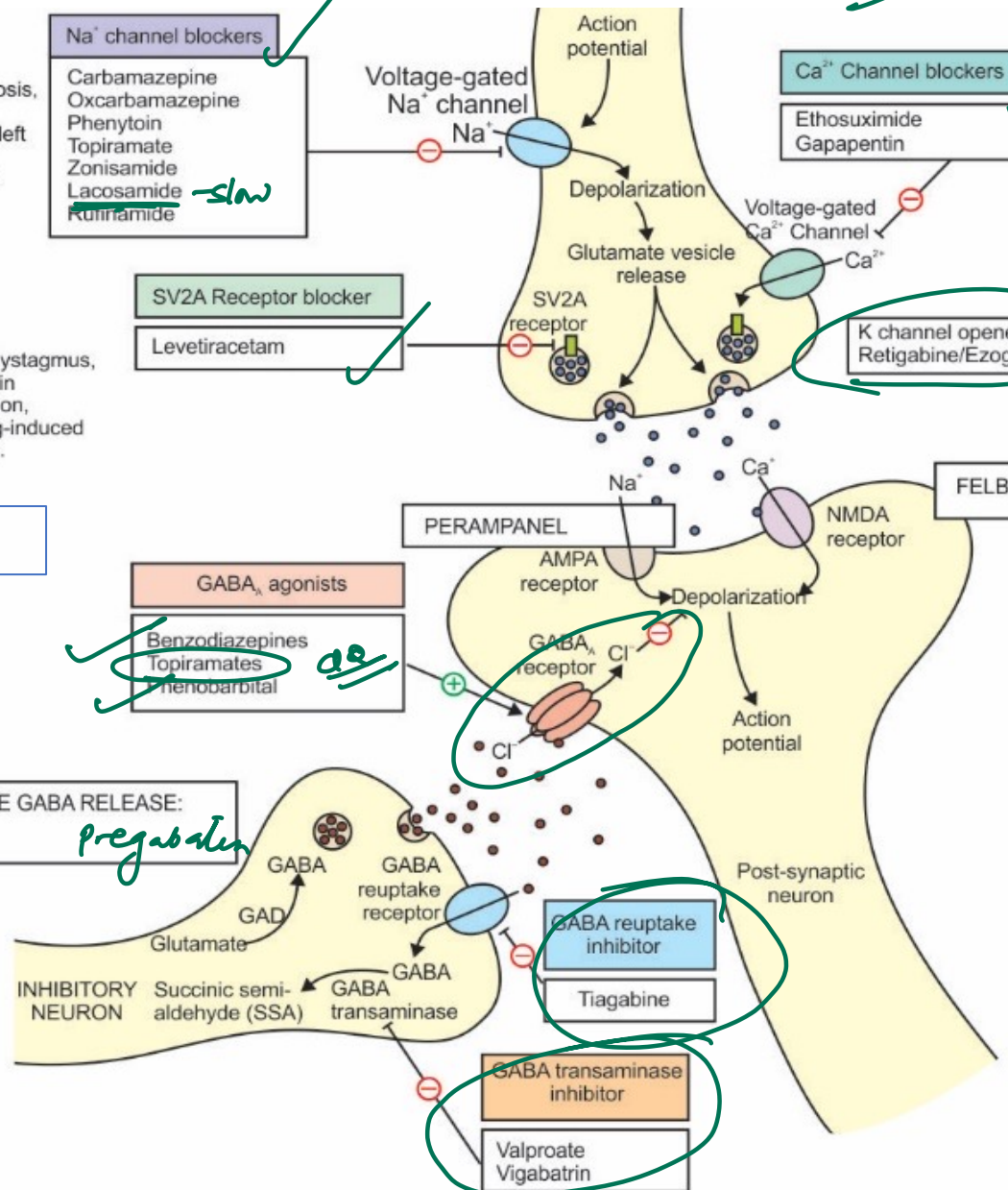
**GABA transaminase inhibitor**  
 Valproate  
 Vigabatrin

**FELBAMATE**

**VALPROATE:** Vomiting, Alopecia, Liver damage (hepatotoxic), Pancreatitis, P-450 inhibition, Rash, Obesity (weight gain), Tremor, Teratogenesis (neural tube defects), Epigastric pain (GI distress).

Valproate antidote:

SJS (must be titrated slowly), hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (black box warning)



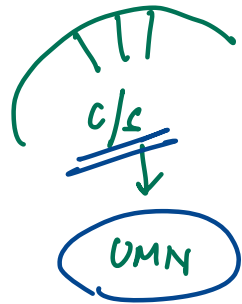
31. A 5 year old patient presents to the OPD with dysphagia, dysarthria, and dysphonia. On examination, brisk jaw jerk is seen. What is the possible localisation in this patient?

- A. Corticospinal tracts
- ~~B. Corticobulbar tracts~~
- C. Mesencephalic trigeminal nucleus
- ~~D. V3 nerve~~

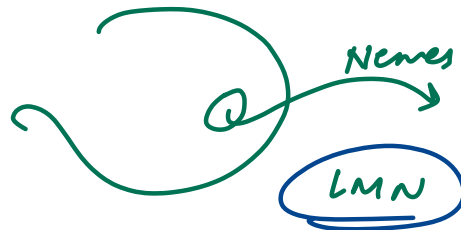
UMN

Pseudobulbar

|            | Pseudobulbar<br>(UMN: 5,7,10,11,12) | Bulbar<br>(LMN: 9,10,11,12)               |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Gag reflex | ++ <i>exaggerate</i>                | absent                                    |
| Jaw jerk   | ++ <i>exaggerate</i>                | (N)                                       |
| Tongue     | <i>Spastic</i>                      | <u><i>fasciculations</i></u>              |
| Speech     | <u>Laboured/spastic</u>             | Nasal <u>twang</u><br>Nasal regurgitation |



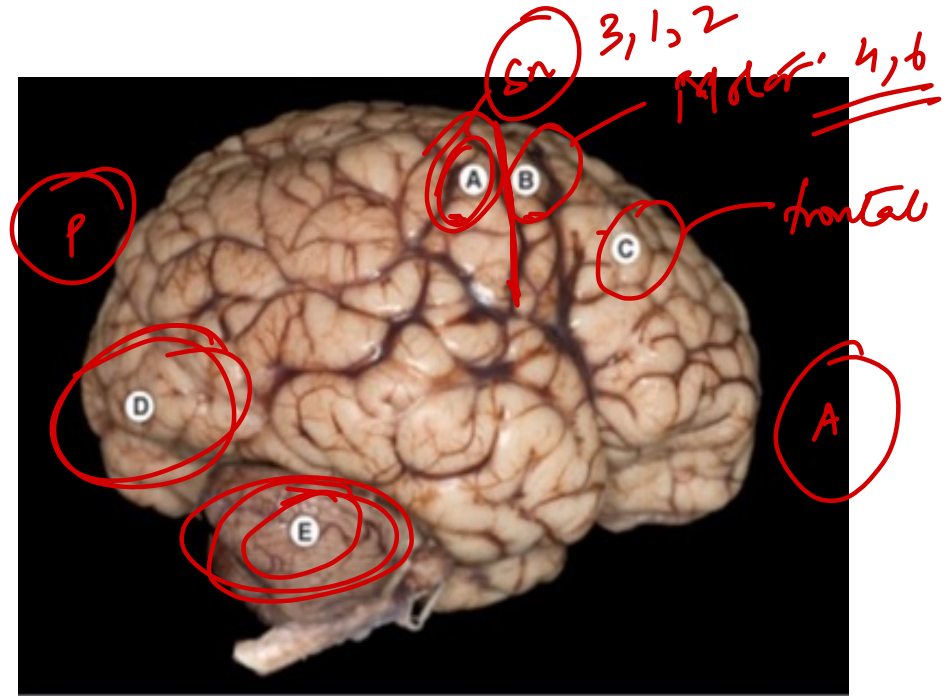
C/B tract



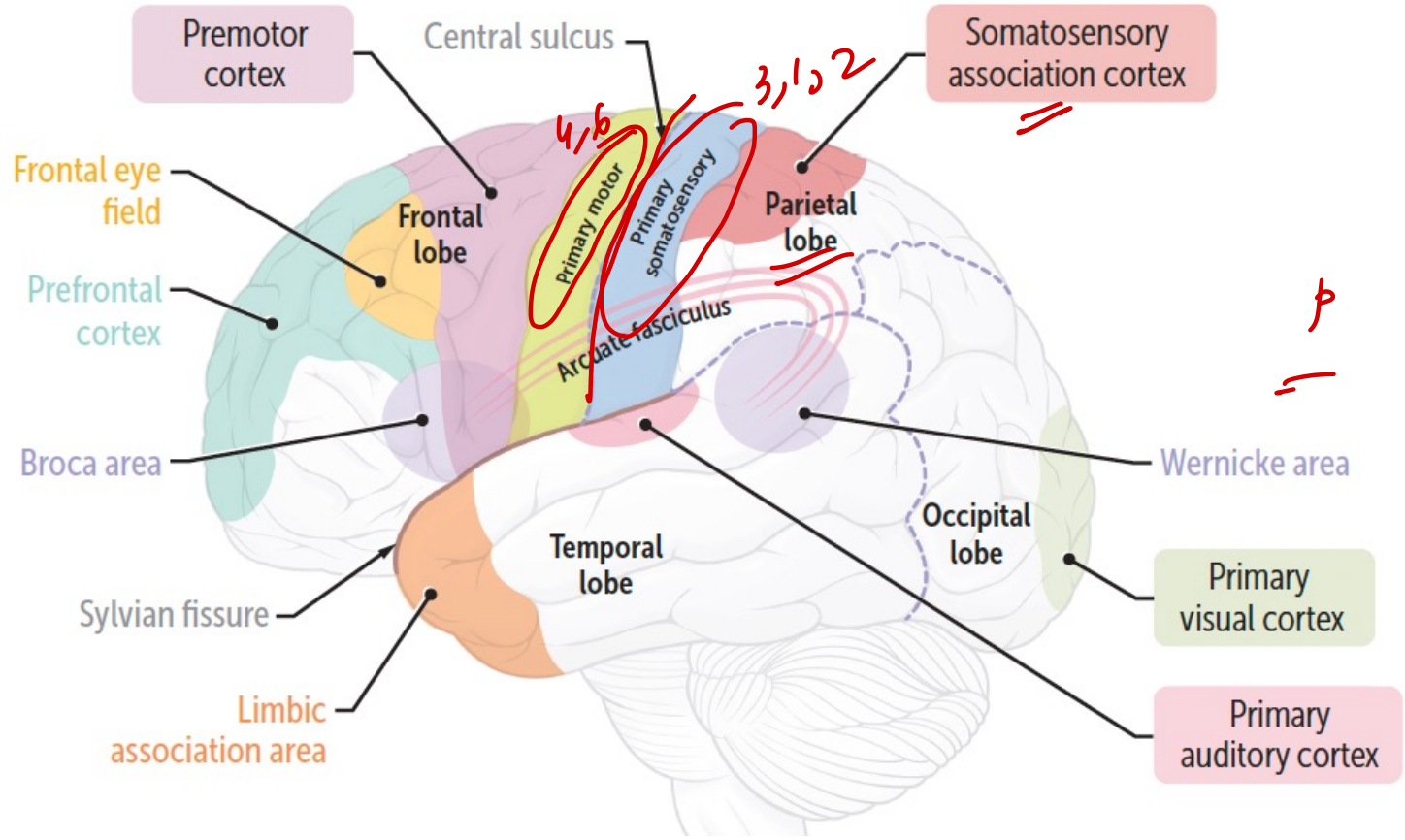
C Nucleus  
CN

32. 65-year-old man with a history of atrial fibrillation comes to the office due to numbness of his left hand for the past 3 weeks. When the eyes are closed, he is unable to recognize the letters written on his left hand with a stylus. Muscle strength is normal in all extremities. Deep tendon reflexes are 2+. Gait is normal. This patient most likely has a lesion in which of the following locations of the brain?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D



A



p

33. A 30-year-old lady who is 2 weeks postpartum presents with headache, and acute episode of generalized seizures. The contrast-enhanced CT of the head is shown below. What is the drug of choice for the acute management of her condition?

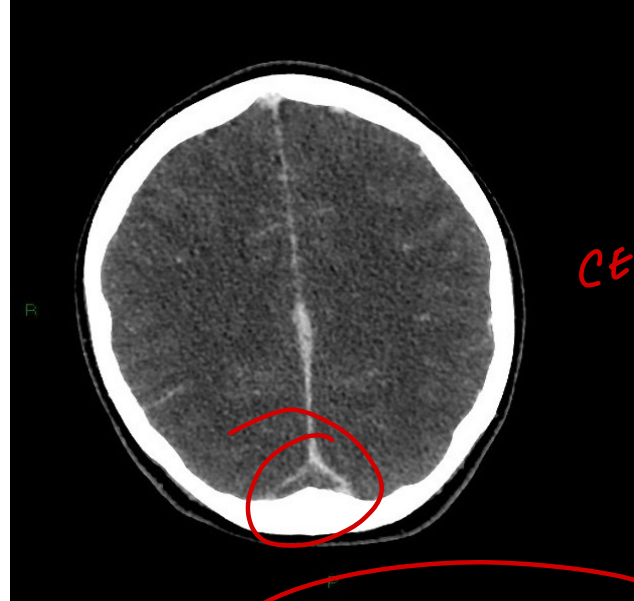
A. IV Labetalol

B. IV MgSo4 ~~xx~~

C. LMWH

D. Aspirin

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CECT

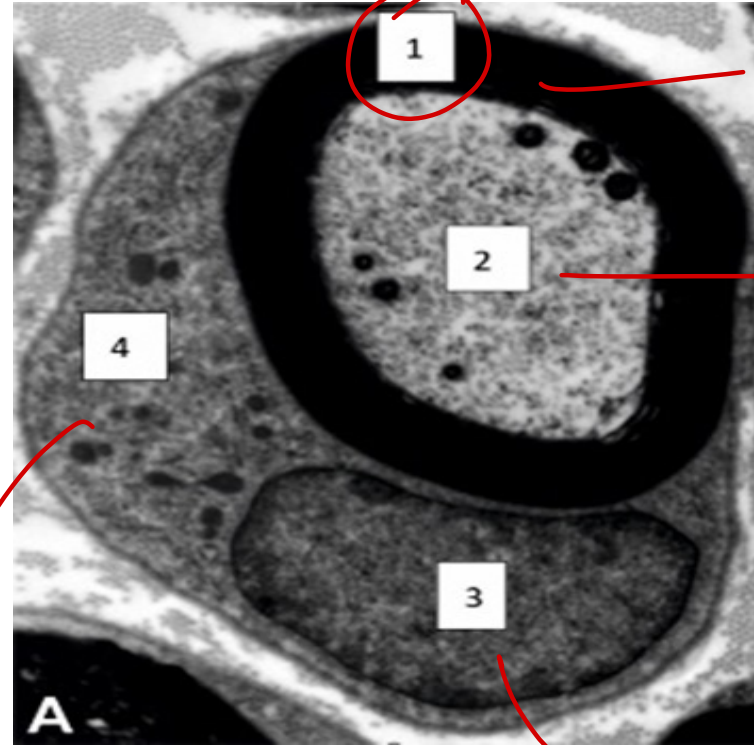
SSS Thrombosis

△  
empty delta  
sign

34. An electron microscopic picture of a cut section of a nerve fiber is given. What is the most commonly affected area in Guillain-Barre syndrome?

- ~~A. 1~~
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

*demyelinating*



*myelin*  
*axo*

*cytoplasm*

*N*

35. A 5-year-old boy has developed persistent food-seeking behavior over the past few months. His mother initially thought that the boy was undergoing a growth spurt, but despite how much she fed him he never seemed satisfied. The patient has also started complaining of a headache and nausea in the morning. His physical examination is significant for BMI of 32 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. This patient's food-seeking behavior could be explained by a lesion causing hyperactivity of which hypothalamic nucleus?

- A. Anterior
- B. Lateral**
- C. Supraoptic
- D. Ventromedial

→ Lat

lesion  
|  
inactivity  
|  
vm

36. If you see the word "yellow," you'll likely recognize "banana" faster than "television" because yellow and banana are more closely linked in memory. Which of the following structures is this concept dependent on?

- A. Amygdala
- B. Hippocampus
- C. Neocortex
- D. Striatum

Punishment / Assoc<sup>n</sup>

- Revisions  
- Emotional value

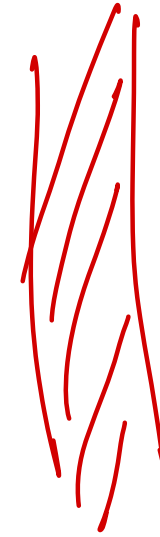
Neocx



37. What would be the likely “classical” presentation of this patient?

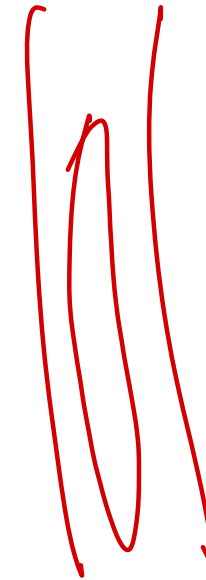


Syrinx



Chian I

- A. Romberg sign with loss of DTR
- B. UMN + LMN features
- C. Cape like distribution
- D. Only preserved dorsal column function



38. Which of the following features are typically associated with delirium?

1. Impaired consciousness ✓✓

2. Altered sleep-wake cycle ✓✓

3. ~~Normal~~ EEG *abNl — 8 waves*

4. Carphologia ✓✓

5. Autonomic Dysfunction ✓✓

PYQ

A. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

B. 2, 3, 5

C. 1, 3, 5

D. 1, 2, 4, 5

**39. A motorcyclist suffered a head injury 6 months back and presents with persistent memory deficits following injury. Choose the most appropriately matched option related to memory?**

A. Hippocampus and implicit memory. ~~XX~~

B. Neocortex and associative learning ~~XX~~

~~C. Medial temporal lobe- Declarative memory~~

D. Angular gyrus- procedural memory

## Declarative / Explicit Memory:

### • Semantic (factual):

- Prefrontal cortex
- Temporal cortex (lateral and anterior)

### • Episodic (events):

- Hippocampus
- Medial temporal lobe
- Neocortex



## Nondeclarative / Implicit Memory:

### • Procedural (skills, habits):

- Striatum BG
- Cerebellum
- Motor cortex

### • Priming and perceptual:

- Neocortex

### • Associative learning (classical conditioning):

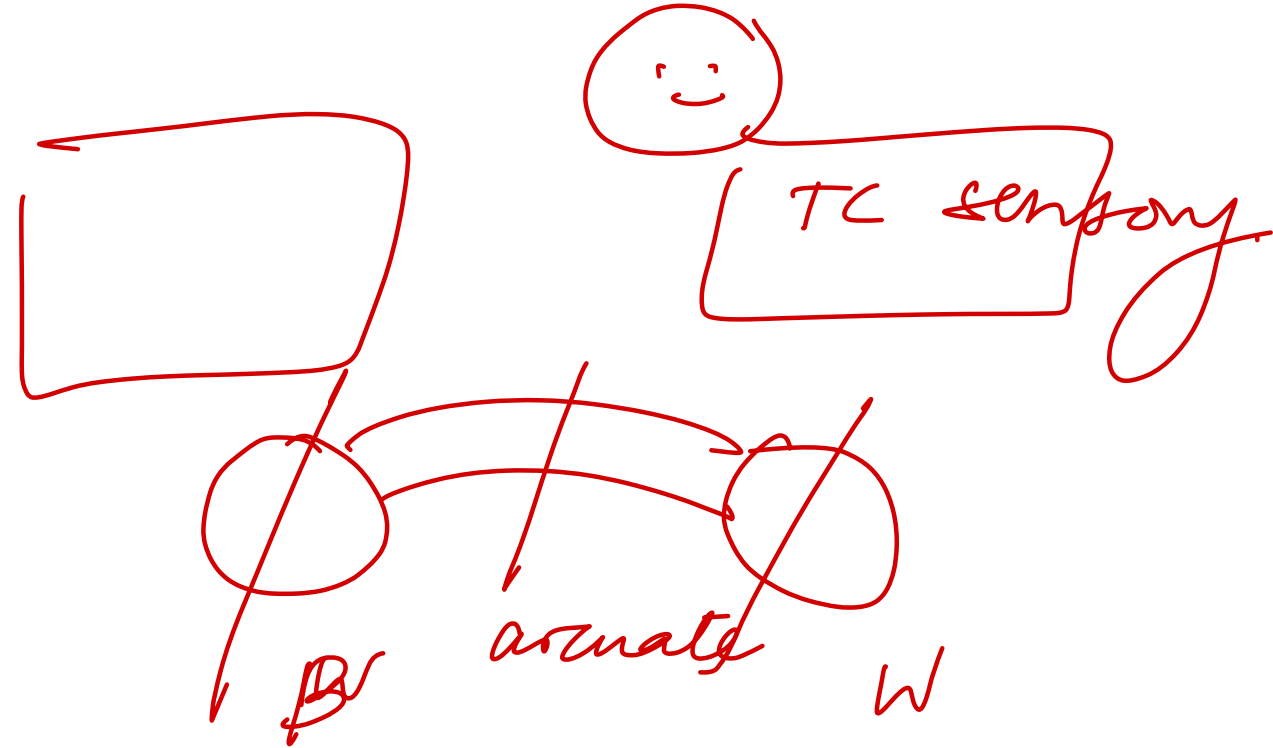
- Amygdala
- Cerebellum

Polio  
|  
AHC  
LMN

1st of 16 (any).

40. A 65 year old patient has normal fluency and repetition of speech but impaired naming and comprehension. What is the likely diagnosis?

- A. Transcortical sensory aphasia
- B. Transcortical motor aphasia
- C. Conduction aphasia
- D. Wernicke aphasia



41. A 22-year-old woman came to the hospital with complaints of excruciating paroxysmal pain on the right side of her lips, gums, and cheek. The episodes last for 2-3 min. Which of the following is incorrect regarding the primary drug used in the treatment of this condition?

- A. It can cause agranulocytosis
- B. It is a Chloride channel ~~opener~~.
- C. It also has anti-epileptic activity against focal seizures
- D. It can lead to hyponatremia in the elderly

TN

Carbamazepine

SIADH

↓  
Na<sup>+</sup>

42. 72-year-old man with a history of Parkinson disease comes to the OPD for follow-up. The patient has been taking carbidopa-levodopa since being diagnosed 5 years ago and has required increasing doses to control his symptoms. He is now taking the maximum dose but reports worsening stiffness and difficulty moving between his scheduled doses; these symptoms improve after he takes the medication. Entacapone is added to his treatment regimen. This drug is most likely to improve this patient's symptoms through which of the following mechanisms?

A. Decreasing peripheral levodopa degradation

B. Directly stimulating dopamine receptors

C. Enhancing the effect of endogenous dopamine

D. Inhibiting central muscarinic receptors

Dop  $\oplus$

COMT  $\ominus$

MAO

✓

43. Thalidomide should not be used in which of the following conditions?

A. HIV-associated peripheral neuropathy

*s/e*

B. HIV-associated aphthous ulcers

C. Behcet syndrome

D. Erythema nodosum leprosum

*Immunomodulator*

44. A 36-year-old woman presents with a unilateral throbbing headache associated with nausea and vomiting. She has had similar episodes in the past where the headache usually lasts for 1-2 days. Bright light increases her discomfort and she prefers sitting in a dark room. Which of the following are used to prevent further episodes of this condition?

1. Sumatriptan *acute*
2. Propranolol
3. Naproxen *acute*
4. Topiramate

~~A. 2 and 4~~

~~B. 1, 2 and 3~~

~~C. 1, 2 and 4~~

~~D. 1, 2, 3 and 4~~

# MIGRAINE

First line: NSAID -oral

DOC: 5HT1B/1D+ : TRIPTANS → sc /oral

5HT1F + : LASMIDITAN (acute)

Prophylaxis:

Propranolol *DOC*

Topiramate

Valproate

New drugs:

CGRP-: RimeGEPANT, AtoGEPANT  
(oral-acute/prophylaxis)

ERENUMAB, GALANEZUMAB,  
FREMANEZUMAB (monthly sc  
injection),

EPTINEZUMAB (quarterly iv  
infusion)

# CLUSTER HEADACHE

DOC: 100% O<sub>2</sub> 12L/min

Prophylaxis:

+  
Triptans

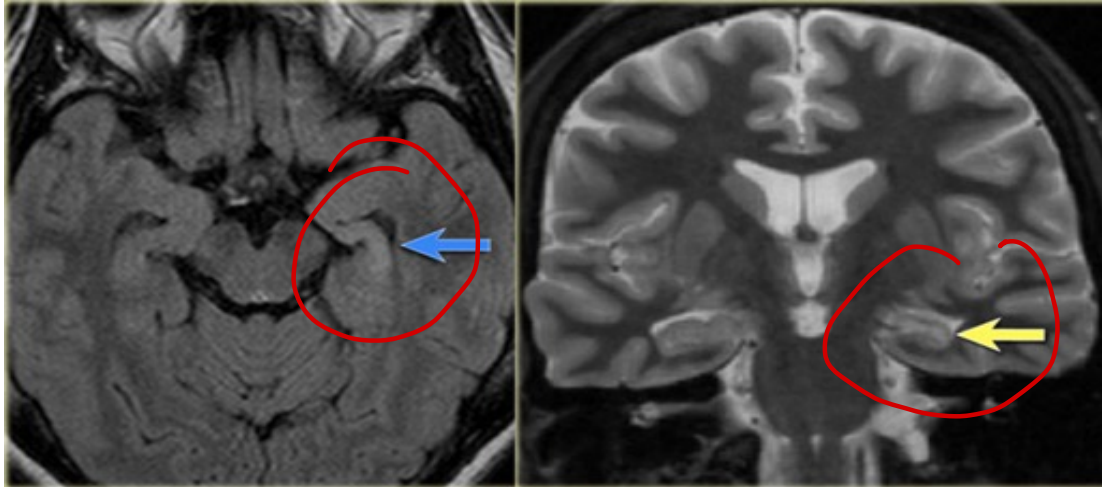
CCB

# TENSION HEADACHE

DOC: NSAIDs

Prophylaxis: >15/month - TZA

45. Which of the following statements is false regarding the following pathology:



MTS  
i/L atrophy / (↑)

- A. It results in focal seizures with dyscognitive features
- B. The person experiences an aura before the seizure
- C. It is associated with a family history of epilepsy
- ~~D. Seizures can be controlled with anticonvulsants such as carbamazepine~~

refractory

46. A middle-aged woman presents with progressive atrophy and weakness in her hands and forearms. On examination, she is found to have spasticity of the legs. Which of the following is the least likely feature to suggest ALS?

- A. Babinski positive
- B. Spontaneous fasciculations
- C. ~~Impaired~~ bowel and bladder function
- D. Preserved ocular mobility

UMN + LMN

preserved -

X Su 10A -

47. A patient is presenting with a staggering gait and nystagmus (Romberg sign +ve) after a road traffic accident. Which lobe of cerebellum is affected?

A. Flocculonodular

B. Dentate

C. Anterior lobe

D. Vermis

Pyo

| Cerebellar Part   | Connections & Function   | Lesion Features   |
|---|--|---|
| <u>Flocculonodular lobe (vestibulocerebellum)</u>               | Linked with vestibular nuclei, maintains balance & eye movements                           | <u>Truncal ataxia</u> , <u>staggering gait</u> , <u>nystagmus</u> , <u>positive Romberg</u> |
| Anterior lobe (spinocerebellum)                                 | Proprioceptive input from spinal cord, regulates posture & leg coordination                | <u>Gait ataxia</u> , often in <u>alcoholics</u> (anterior lobe syndrome)                    |
| <u>Vermis</u>   | Controls axial trunk muscles   | <u>Truncal ataxia</u> , <u>broad-based gait</u>   |
| <u>Dentate nucleus (lateral hemisphere / cerebrocerebellum)</u> | Coordinates planning & initiation of voluntary movement via corticopontocerebellar pathway | <u>Dysmetria</u> , <u>intention tremor</u> , <u>dysdiadochokinesia</u>                      |

**48. In the below question mechanical receptors are given with their functions. Choose the correctly matched pair.**

**A. Pacinian Corpuscle - Fast Vibration**

**B. Ruffini - Fine touch**

**C. Meissner - Stretch**

**D. Merkel - Slow Vibration**

49. A 70-year-old right-handed man is brought to the emergency department due to sudden onset of right-sided weakness and urinary incontinence that began about 10 hours ago. On examination, there is 4/5 strength in the right upper extremity, 1/5 strength in the right lower extremity, and a Babinski sign on the right side. Sensation is decreased throughout the right foot and leg. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis of this patient?

- A. Left Anterior cerebral artery stroke.
- B. Lacunar stroke
- C. Left middle cerebral artery stroke.
- D. Right ACA stroke

LI  
UI

50. A 5-year-old boy is brought to the emergency department because of a 2-day history of lower leg weakness, swallowing difficulty, and drooling of saliva. He has not yet received any childhood vaccinations. Two days after admission, the patient develops shortness of breath. Pulse oximetry shows an oxygen saturation of 64%. Despite resuscitative efforts, the patient dies of respiratory failure. At autopsy, examination of the spinal cord shows destruction of the anterior horn cells. Neurological examination of this patient would have most likely shown which of the following findings?

A. Positive Babinski sign UMN

B. Clasp knife spasticity UMN

~~C. Hyporeflexia~~

D. Sensory loss X

Polio

LMN

51. A 4-year-old boy presents with fever, headache, irritability, nuchal rigidity, and photophobia. CSF analysis shows:

- Glucose: 60 mg/dL
- Protein: 80 mg/dL
- RBCs: 2/mm<sup>3</sup> xx
- WBCs: 85/mm<sup>3</sup>

45-80 mg/dL

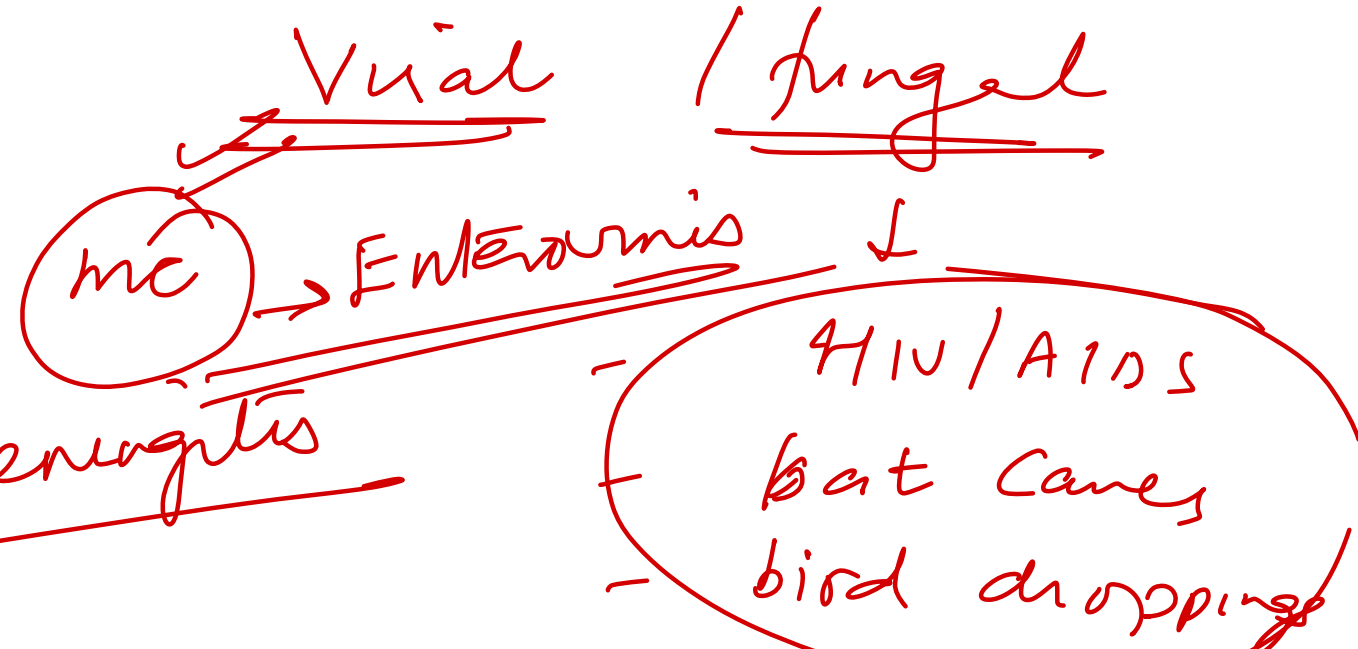
(10% neutrophils, 70% lymphocytes, 20% monocytes)

Which of the following pathogens is most likely responsible?

- A. Cryptococcus neoformans
- B. Group B coxsackievirus
- C. Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- D. Neisseria meningitidis

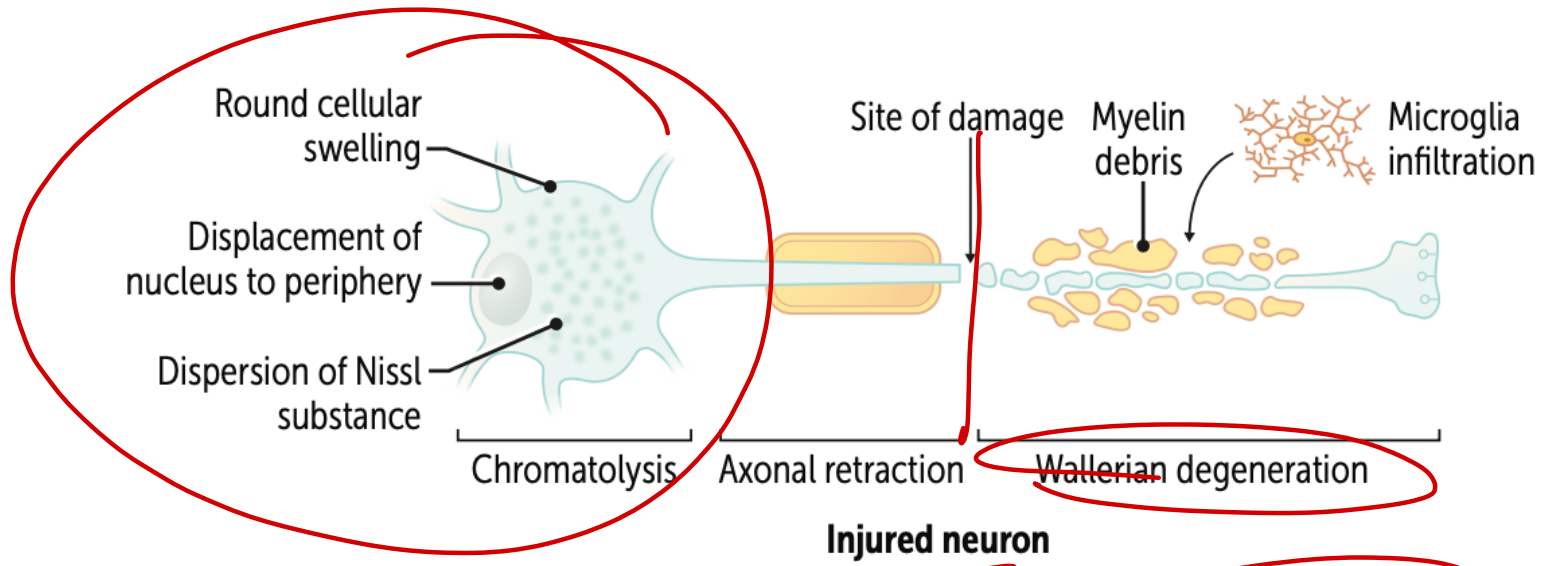
each - HSV

meningitis



**52. An investigator is studying cellular repair mechanisms in various tissues. One of the samples being reviewed is from the anterior horn of the spinal cord of a patient who was involved in a snowboard accident. Pathologic examination of the biopsy specimen shows dispersion of the Nissl bodies, swelling of the neuronal body, and a displacement of the nucleus to the periphery in numerous cells. Which of the following is the most likely explanation for the observed findings?**

- A. Neurodegenerative changes
- B. Wallerian degeneration
- C. Central chromatolysis**
- D. Reactive astrogliosis



*peripheral*

*Central: gliosis  
scar*

53. All of the following are **tauopathies**, except:

A. Pick's disease

B. Corticobasal degeneration

C. Progressive supranuclear palsy

D. REM behavioral disorder

*LBTD*

### **Synucleinopathies:**

- Parkinson's disease //
- Dementia with Lewy bodies
- Multiple system atrophy

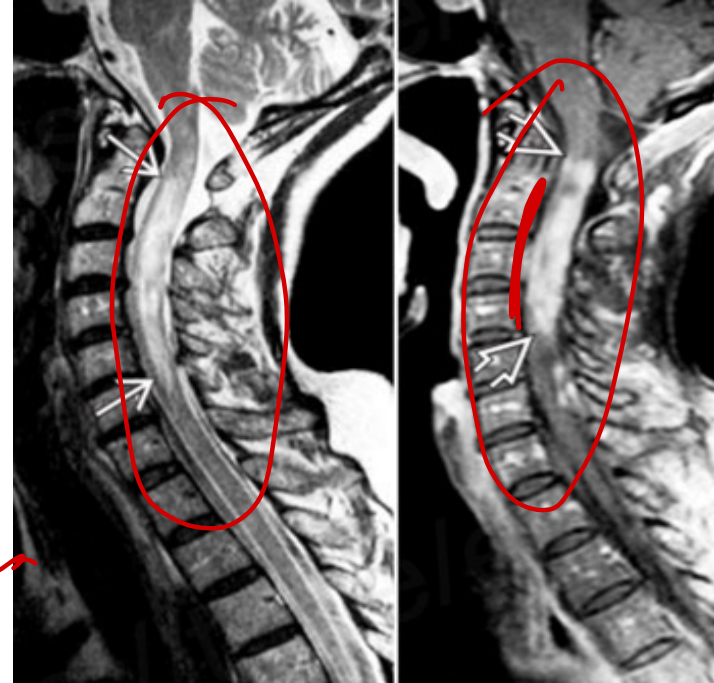
### **Tauopathies:**

- Alzheimer's disease
- Progressive supranuclear palsy
- Corticobasal degeneration
- Pick's disease
- Chronic traumatic encephalopathy
- Pantothenate kinase-associated degeneration
- Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE)
- Down syndrome

54. A 26-year-old female patient presents with 6/60 visual acuity in one eye and 6/18 in the other eye. She has recurrent episodes of diminution of vision which recovers on treatment with steroids. MRI shows the following changes. What is the most probable diagnosis?

- A. Hereditary spastic quadriplegia ~~XX~~
- B. Subacute combined degeneration ~~X~~
- C. Neuromyelitis optica**
- D. Multiple sclerosis

short segm  
ON - v/l asymm



LETM  
NMO  
>3  
vert seg

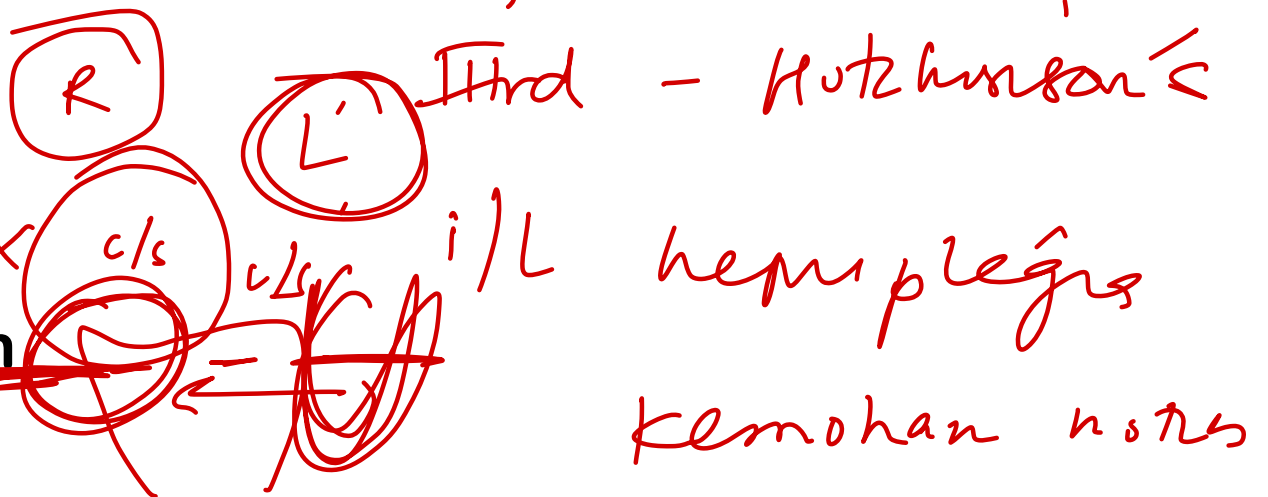
55. A previously healthy 51-year-old man is brought to the emergency department because of confusion for 2 hours. His wife reports that he fell and hit his head while changing a ceiling light the previous evening. On arrival, he is unconscious. His temperature is 37.1°C (98.8°F), pulse is 54/min, respirations are 8/min and irregular, and blood pressure is 198/106 mm Hg. The right pupil is dilated and fixed; the left pupil is round and reactive to light. There is extension of the extremities to painful stimuli. He is intubated and mechanically ventilated. A mannitol infusion is begun. A noncontrast CT scan of the brain shows herniation of the right medial temporal lobe. Which of the following is the most likely additional finding in this patient?

A. Right-sided hemiplegia

B. Bilateral spasticity

C. Bilateral lower limb paralysis

D. Right eye esotropia and elevation



**56. Disorders of autonomic function should be considered in patients with:**

- 1. Unexplained orthostatic hypotension ✓**
- 2. Dysuria U71 ✓**
- 3. Hyperhidrosis ✓**
- 4. Urinary incontinence ✓**
- 5. Dementia ✗✗**

A. 3 and 5

**B. 1, 3 and 4**

C. 2 and 4

D. 1, 2 and 5

Autonomic dysps

PD

| System           | Features  |
|------------------|---|
| Cardiovascular   | Orthostatic hypotension, tachycardia, exercise intolerance            |
| Sudomotor        | Hyperhidrosis or anhidrosis, heat intolerance                         |
| Gastrointestinal | Gastroparesis, constipation, diarrhea, swallowing difficulty          |
| Genitourinary    | Urinary incontinence/retention, erectile dysfunction, vaginal dryness |
| Pupillary        | Abnormal pupil responses, difficulty with light adaptation            |
| Other            | Emotional lability, temperature dysregulation                         |

57. In a patient with Guillain-Barre syndrome, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy is suspected when\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. GBS deteriorates >8 weeks after onset or relapses at least two times
- B. GBS deteriorates >5 weeks after onset or relapses at least three times
- C. GBS deteriorates >9 weeks after onset or relapses at least three times
- D. GBS deteriorates >5 weeks after onset or relapses at least two times

> 8 wks

> 3

| <b>Feature</b>     | <b>GBS (AIDP)</b>     | <b>CIDP</b>                                |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Onset</b>       | Acute, monophasic     | Insidious, chronic/progressive             |
| <b>Progression</b> | ≤ 4 weeks             | ≥ 8–9 weeks                                |
| <b>Relapses</b>    | Rare, < 2             | ≥ 3 relapses                               |
| <b>Treatment</b>   | IVIG / Plasmapheresis | Steroids, IVIG, plasmapheresis (long-term) |

58. In patients with multiple sclerosis, which of the following is used to determine neurological impairment?

A. Modified Well's score → DUT

B. Hess and Hunt's scale → SAM

C. Kurtzke expanded disability status scale

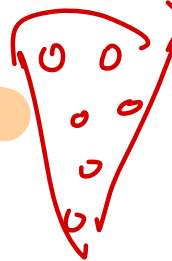
EDSS

D. Revised McDonald criteria  
dx

60. 42-year-old woman comes to the office due to worsening double vision and gait unsteadiness. She states she had cramping abdominal pain and diarrhoea 2 weeks ago after an outdoor picnic which spontaneously resolved after 3 days. The double vision began 4 days ago and is persistent and progressive. She has had no fever, headache, neck pain, photophobia, or bowel or bladder dysfunction. On physical examination, she is fully alert and oriented with normal memory, speech, and language comprehension. There is mild ptosis of the right eye with weakness of the medial and upward gaze. Left eye movements are normal. Bilateral lower-extremity weakness with loss of deep tendon reflexes is present. Bilateral upper-extremity muscle strength, reflexes, and coordination are normal. Sensation to touch and pinprick is normal throughout. Which of the following is the most likely cause of this patient's current condition?

- A. Botulinum toxin ingestion
- B. Dietary thiamine deficiency
- C. Immune-mediated nerve injury
- D. Neuroinvasive virus infection

*descending*



*diplopia*  
*gait*

*GBS*

*diarrhea* →

*Miller  
Fischer*

*ADL10*

63. 61-year-old male patient comes to the office complaining of involuntary shaking of his hands. It started on the right side but now his left handshakes as well. The shaking disappears with purposeful activity and worsens with emotional stress. He does not have a family history of tremors. Physical examination reveals a resting hand tremor with a frequency of 4-5 cycles/sec. There is some muscle rigidity of both arms. His gait and posture are normal. His mini mental status exam yields a score of 30/30. Which of the following is the most appropriate treatment for this patient?

- A. Clozapine X
- B. Lorazepam X
- C. Propranolol X
- D. Trihexyphenidyl

PD

anticholinergic tremor

## 64. Match the following:

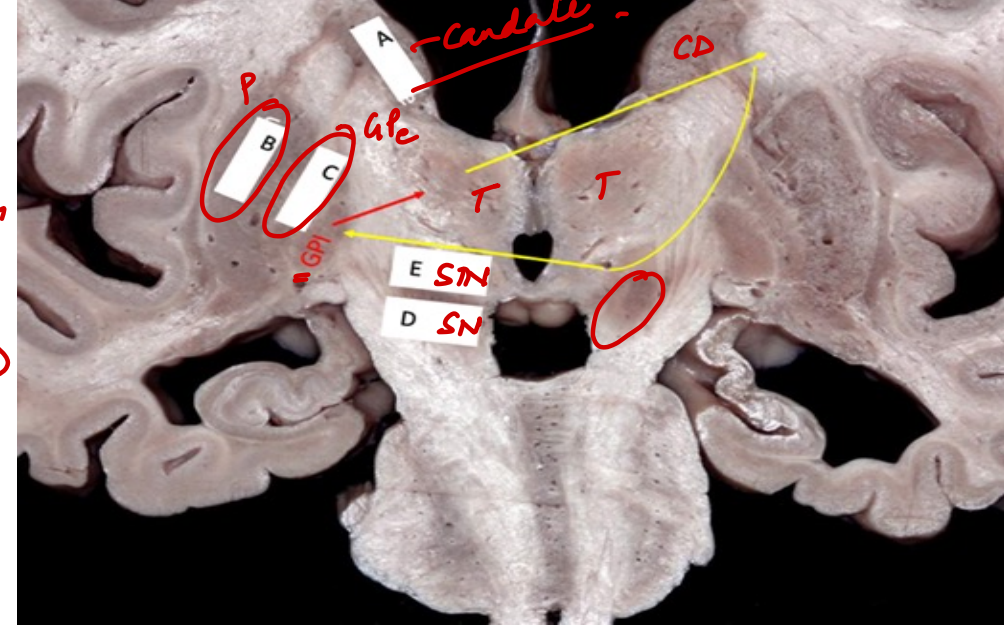
1. Preferred site for DBS for tremor reduction → STN
2. Hemiballismus results from a lesion at this site
3. Chorea results from a lesion at this site
4. Athetosis is a result of a lesion at this site GPI
5. Parkinsonism occurs due to defect here SN

A. ~~1-A, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B, 5-E~~

B. 1-E, 2-E, 3-A, 4-C, 5-D

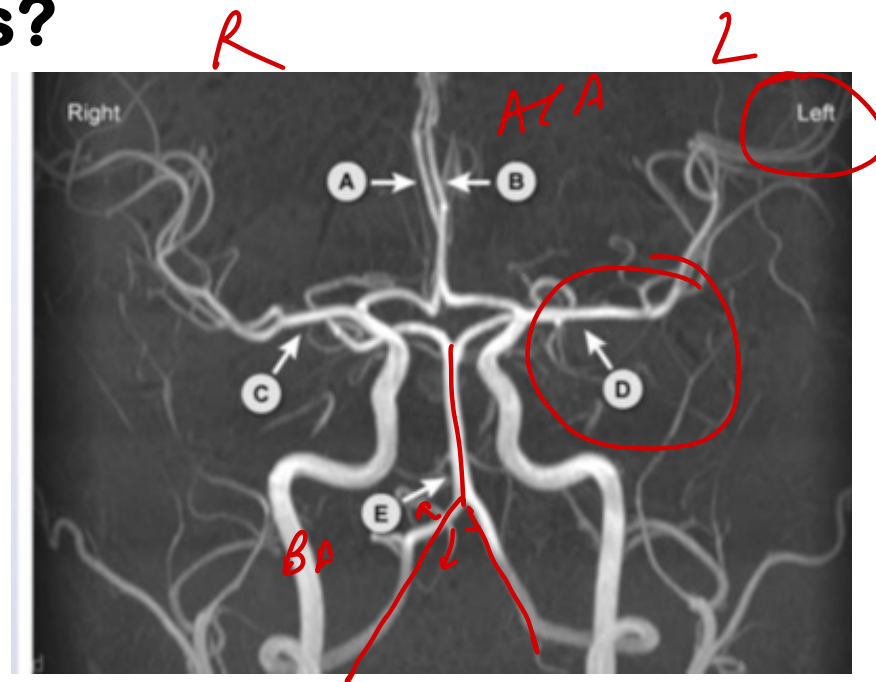
C. 1-D, 2-E, 3-A, 4-C, 5-D

D. 1-D 2-A, 3-C, 4-B, 5-E



65. 54-year-old man is brought to the emergency department by his wife after he develops difficulty speaking. When asked about the onset of his symptoms, the patient slowly responds with "weak... morning..." and becomes very frustrated. On examination, he is able to state his first name but with difficulty, and correctly points to different body parts on command. This patient's speech difficulties are most likely caused by a lesion affecting which of the following vessels?

- A. A
- B. E
- C. C
- D. D



BROCA'S  
MCA

**66. Ischemia occurs in the brain when the cerebral blood flow falls below \_\_\_\_\_.**

**A. 20 mL/100 g/min**

**B. 50 mL/100 g/min**

**C. 40 mL/100 g/min**

**D. 30 mL/100 g/min**

| <b>CBF (mL/100 g/min)</b> | <b>Brain Status</b>                     |
|---------------------------|---|
| > 50                      | Normal perfusion                        |
| 20–40                     | Functional impairment onset             |
| < 20                      | Ischemia and irreversible damage starts |

67. A 90-year-old female suffers an ischemic stroke in the context of diffuse atherosclerotic disease and dies four days later despite appropriate treatment. The predominant cell type seen on postmortem brain biopsy functions most similarly to which of the following?

- A. Neutrophil
- B. Eosinophil
- C. T-lymphocyte
- D. Monocyte

| TIME SINCE ISCHEMIC EVENT | 12-24 HOURS  | 24-72 HOURS            | 3-5 DAYS                | 1-2 WEEKS  | > 2 WEEKS  |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Histologic features       | Eosinophilic cytoplasm + pyknotic nuclei (red neurons) | Necrosis + neutrophils | Macrophages (microglia) | Reactive gliosis (astrocytes) + vascular proliferation | Glial scar |

68. A 50-year-old gravida 2, para 2 female presents with urinary incontinence. She reports daily episodes of a sudden need to void and has started to wear adult diapers. She also has intermittent motor and sensory loss, decreased visual acuity with painful eye movements, and worsening symptoms in summer. Further workup is most likely to reveal which of the following?

A. ~~Positive leukocyte esterase and nitrites on urinalysis~~ UTI

B. Elevated IgG and myelin basic protein on CSF analysis

C. ~~Elevated post-void residual volume on bladder ultrasound~~

D. Albumino-cytological dissociation → GBS

↳ flaccid

M/S

69. A 48-year-old female presents with visual changes, diplopia, and weakness worsening throughout the day. Ice pack test improves eyelid drooping. Chest X-ray shows an anterior mediastinal mass. Which of the following shares an embryonic origin with the cells of this mass?

- A. Eustachian tube
- B. Parathyroid glands
- C. Greater horn of hyoid
- D. Thyroid gland

MG

~~Thymoma~~

Third ph pouch  
= = thy par

**90. A 50-year-old female presents with burning sensations and an irresistible urge to move her legs at night, relieved by movement. Which is the first-line drug that can be prescribed?**

*Pyo*

A. Clonazepam

**B. Gabapentin**

~~C. Riluzole~~

D. Benztropine

*RLS*

91. Which of the following drugs act on sodium channels and potentiate slow sodium inactivation?

A. Topiramate

B. Lacosamide

C. Phenytoin

D. Lamotrigine

vyo ?

92. A young woman, who is blind, presents with nighttime insomnia. What is the drug of choice for her condition?

A. Zolpidem ~~✗~~

B. Ramelteon

C. Agomelatine

D. Tasimelton

MT (+) → jet lag  
→ shift insomnia

MT1/MT2 (+)

PyQ

non-24 hr sleep wake disorder

**96. Which of the following drugs can be used in diabetic neuropathy, post herpetic neuralgia and spinal cord injury?**

**A. Pregabalin**

**B. Carbamazepine**

**C. Amitriptyline**

**D. Phenytoin**

97. Which is the drug used for refractory intractable rheumatic chorea?

A. Haloperidol - D O C

B. Sodium valproate

*Refractory*

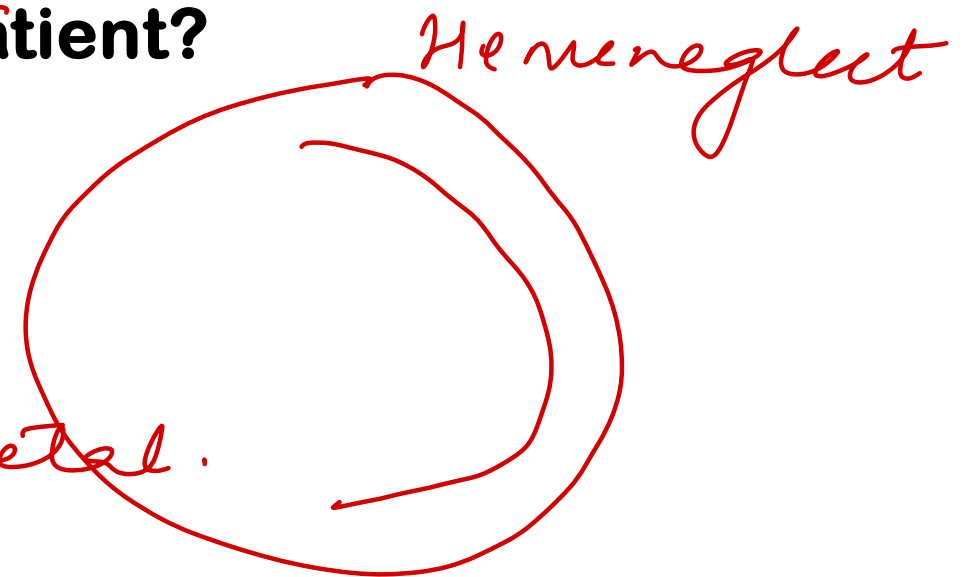
C. Diazepam

D. Probenecid

98. A 72-year-old right-handed male is brought to the emergency department by his daughter. According to her, he had only shaved the right half of his face this morning. The patient displays poor insight into this behavior, although there are no obvious deficits in comprehension, speech, and repetition. His past medical history includes hypertension, which is well controlled with labetalol. Physical exam suggests intact comprehension, speech, and repetition. Sensation is grossly intact bilaterally, with no focal motor deficits appreciated. However, when asked to draw a clock face, he omits the numbers 8, 9, 10, and 11. Which of the following vessels is most likely affected in this patient?

- A. Left anterior cerebral artery
- B. Left middle cerebral artery
- C. Left posterior cerebral artery

~~D. Right middle cerebral artery~~ - Rt parietal.



99. A 40-year-old female is brought to the emergency department due to progressive dyspnea and fatigue for the past two days. One week prior, she was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection and subsequently treated with ciprofloxacin. She also reports a one-month history of intermittent fatigability that often worsens throughout the day and improves with rest. She denies fevers, weight loss, diarrhea, or sick contacts. Vital signs include a temperature of 36.9°C (98.5°F), blood pressure of 140/88 mmHg, heart rate of 94 beats/min, and shallow respirations of 22 breaths/min. Oxygen saturation is 91% on room air. Lungs are clear to auscultation bilaterally with accessory muscle use, and paradoxical abdominal wall motion is noted on inspiration. Achilles and patellar reflexes are 2+ bilaterally with decreased muscle strength in the upper and lower extremities. Arterial blood gas sampling is performed with the following results:

pH: 7.24

pCO<sub>2</sub>: 60 mmHg

pO<sub>2</sub>: 90 mmHg

Bicarbonate: 26 mEq/L

MG - FQ

Based on this patient's presentation, which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

A. Guillain-Barré syndrome ~~XX~~

B. Myasthenic crisis

C. Polymyositis ~~XX~~

D. Tetanus ~~XX~~

100. A team of genetics researchers is working to develop a new gene therapy targeting the downstream effects of Alzheimer disease. They sought out and identified multiple candidate genes through genome-wide association studies. A complete meta-analysis of studies involving autosomal dominant inheritance patterns using linkage-based methodology was reviewed to isolate relatively large culprit regions on chromosomes. Over twenty-nine variants were found to provide a statistically significant effect for increasing the odds of removal of dysfunctional beta-amyloid plaques. Of these, the research team discovered one candidate gene variant, which provided a greater conferred risk for lifetime development of sporadic Alzheimer disease than all other candidate genes. Which of the following confers the most significant risk for the development of Alzheimer disease?

- A. Multiple trinucleotide repeats of CAG - HC
- B. Mutation of the LDLR gene on chromosome 19 - Familial Atherosclerosis
- ~~C. One copy of the APOE E4 gene on chromosome 19~~ ☹️
- D. Two copies of the APOE E2 gene on chromosome 19 ☺️

**59. What is the most common cause of death in patients with rheumatoid arthritis?**

A. Atlantoaxial subluxation PYQ , - paraplegia

B. Interstitial lung disease

C. Coronary artery disease

D. Gastrointestinal bleeding

| Feature of RA                 | Most common         |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Involved joints               | MCP (sparing - DIP) |
| Spine involvement             | atlanto axial C1-C2 |
| Extra-articular manifestation | sc nodules          |
| Cardiac manifestation         | pericarditis        |
| Valvular abnormality          | MR                  |
| Pulmonary manifestation       | pleuritis           |
| Hematological manifestation   | Anemia of chr D     |
| Ocular manifestation          | KCS. > scleritis    |
| Lymphoma                      | DLBCL               |
| Cause of death                | ♥ arrest - CAD.     |

61. An elderly man presents with clinical findings are shown in the image. What is the most likely diagnosis?

- A. Septic arthritis
- B. Osteoarthritis
- C. Psoriatic arthritis
- D. Rheumatoid arthritis

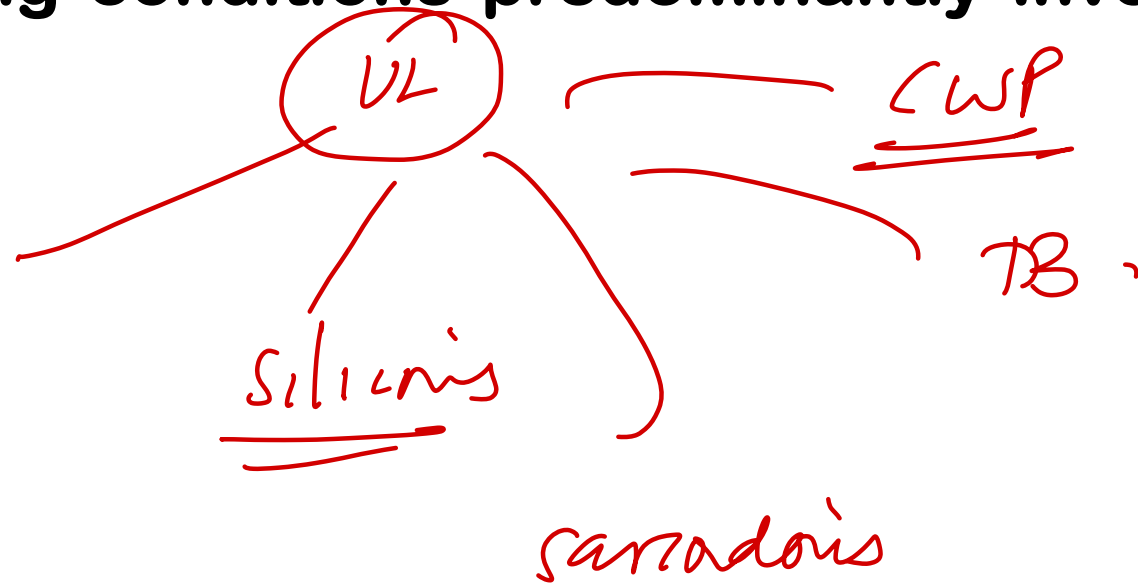


*arthritis  
multifans*

*Sausage digit*

62. Which of the following conditions predominantly involve the upper lobe of the lung?

- A. Scleroderma <sup>ILD</sup>
- B. Ankylosing spondylitis**
- C. Asbestosis <sup>LL</sup>
- D. Rheumatoid arthritis <sup>ILD</sup>



70. Which of the following is not a first-line drug for the management of a patient with rheumatoid arthritis?

A. Sulfasalazine ✓

B. Hydroxychloroquine ✓

C. Methotrexate ✓

D. Azathioprine

*Leflunomide*

*C-DMARDs -*

71. A 32-year-old woman comes to the OPD due to a 3-month history of painful, swollen wrists and knees. She also has joint stiffness, which is worse upon waking and limits her daily activities. The patient's only other medical condition is hypothyroidism for which she takes levothyroxine. Plain radiographs of the joints show joint space narrowing and marginal erosions. Which of the following cytokines are primarily involved in the pathogenesis of this patient's joint destruction?

- ~~A. IL-1 and tumor necrosis factor-alpha~~ *inflamm<sup>n</sup>* RA
  - B. IL-2 and interferon gamma *TH1*
  - C. IL-4 and IL-5 *TH-2*
  - D. IL-10 and transforming growth factor-beta *anti inf.*
- ☺

72. A 44-year-old man comes to the emergency department due to worsening abdominal pain and vomiting. Urgent laparotomy reveals bilateral renal infarcts and multiple segments of necrosis and perforation in the small bowel. Microscopic examination of the vessel walls shows diffuse inflammation of the adventitia and marked thickening of the inner layers due to proliferation of loose connective tissue; the arterial lumen is significantly narrowed. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

A. Bacterial endocarditis

B. Granulomatosis with polyangitis *WG*

C. Polyarteritis nodosa

D. Microscopic polyangitis

*medium*  
*renal A*  
*mesentery*

*- glomerulo N*  
*- Hematuria*

*PAN*

*LR*  
*MM*  
*meso*  
*Small*

73. A 34-year-old man comes to the physician due to painful urination. Physical examination shows a watery penile discharge. Urethral swabs obtained from the patient are negative for gonococcal infection. He is treated appropriately and his symptoms resolve. Two weeks later, he develops acute conjunctivitis, right knee pain, and vesicular rash on his palms and soles. This patient's condition is most likely associated with which of the following?

A. Esophageal dysmotility ~~XX~~

B. Polymyositis ~~XY~~

C. Sacroiliitis

D. Tabes dorsalis

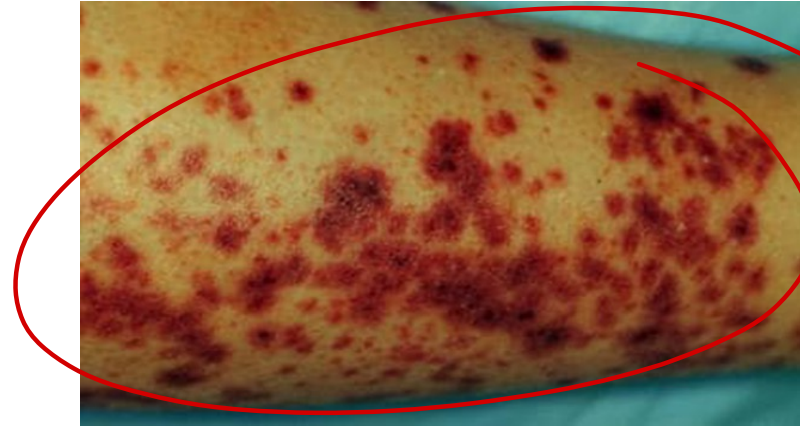
Reiter's Sx



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74. A 7-year-old boy is brought to the emergency department by his parents for arthralgias. Physical examination is shown. The knees are tender but do not appear warm or swollen. Urinalysis results are as follows:

- **Protein: 2+**
- **Blood: moderate**
- **Leukocyte esterase: trace**
- **White blood cells: 1-2/hpf**
- **Red blood cells (RBCs): many/hpf**
- **Casts: RBC casts**



**Which of the following mechanisms is the most likely underlying cause of this patient's renal findings?**

- A. Autoantibodies against podocyte antigens
- B. ~~Autoantibodies to host cell basement membranes~~
- C. **Immune complex deposition in glomerular mesangium**
- D. Thrombosis of glomerular capillaries

HSP

75. A woman, 35 years old, arrives with symptoms of skin thickening, weakened muscles, and paleness in the extremities when exposed to cold temperatures. Elevated levels of creatine kinase are observed, and a muscle biopsy reveals perifascicular infiltration. Which antibody is linked to these findings?

- A. Anti-U3 RNP *SSc poor prognostic*
- B. Anti-centromere antibody *CREST*
- C. Anti-PM-Scl antibody
- D. Anti-Jo-1 antibody

*↳ DM*  
UI - RNP

PM - SSc

overlap Sx

76. All of the following can be given to a pregnant woman with SLE except?

A. Hydroxychloroquine ✓✓

B. Azathioprine

~~C. Mycophenolate mofetil~~

*cat x*

D. Sulfasalazine ✓✓

77. Which of the following anti rheumatoid drug increases extracellular adenosine?

A. Methotrexate

B. Lefunamide

C. Sulphasalazine

D. Hydroxychloroquine

ATICAR transylmolase ⊖

DHR ⊖

adenosine ↑

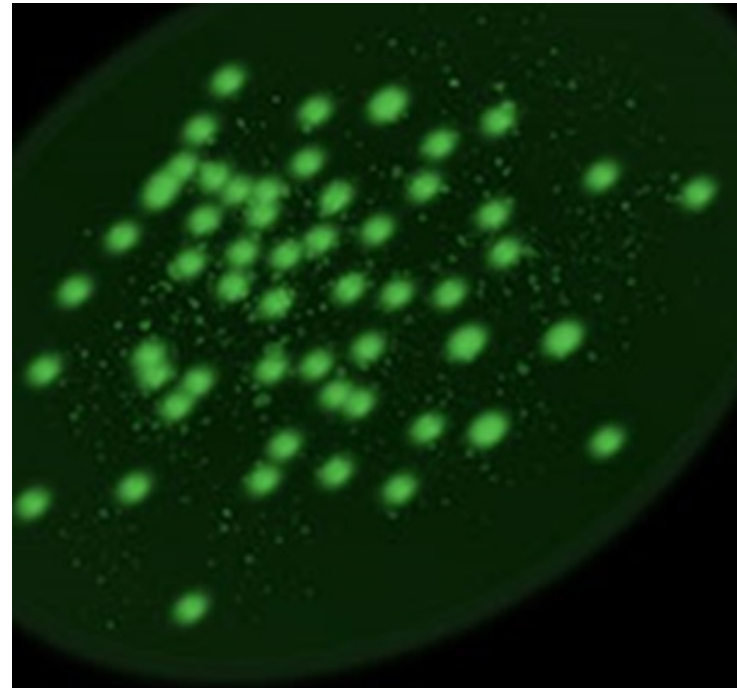
78. A 57-year-old man comes to the physician because of sudden-onset fever, malaise, pain and swelling of his wrists and ankles that began a week ago. One month ago, he was started on hydralazine for adjunctive treatment of hypertension. His temperature is 37.8°C (100°F). Examination shows swelling, tenderness, warmth, and erythema of both wrists and ankles; range of motion is limited. Further evaluation is most likely to show an increased level of which of the following autoantibodies?

- A. Anti-dsDNA
- B. Anti-Smith
- C. Anti- $\beta$ 2-glycoprotein
- D. Anti-histone

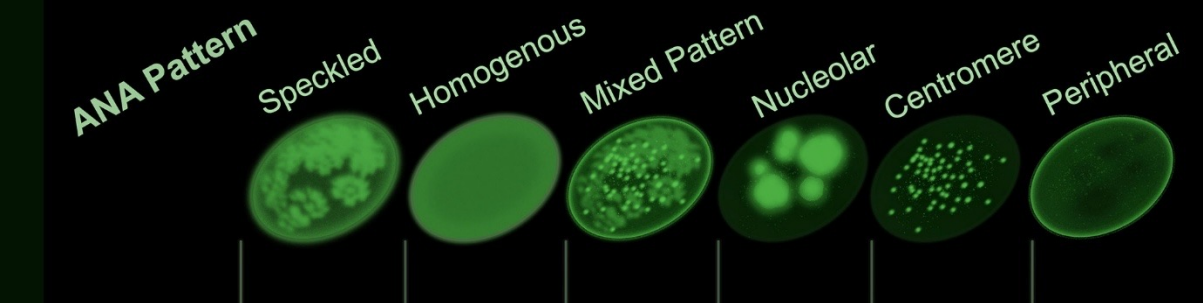
SKIP

79. 52-year-old woman presents with a history of cold-induced color changes in her fingers, tight and shiny skin on her face and fingers, and small dilated blood vessels visible on her face. She also mentions difficulty in making certain facial expressions due to skin tightness. ANA staining pattern of the patient is shown in the image below.

- A. Centromeric
- B. Homogenous
- C. Nucleolar
- D. Speckled



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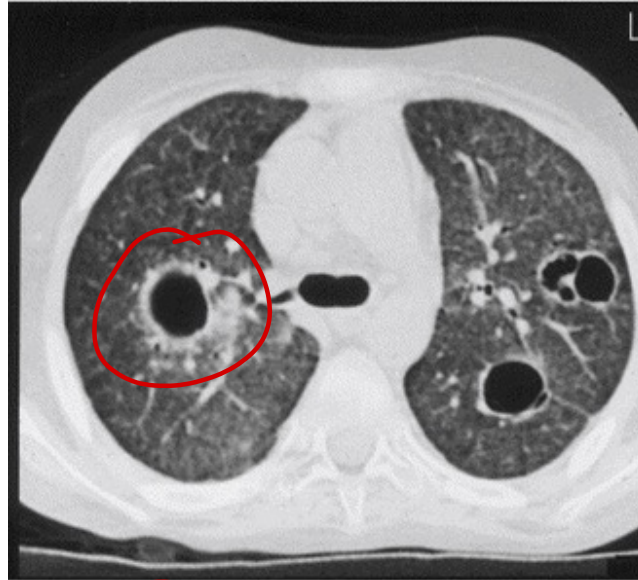
80. An elderly patient presents with cutaneous vasculitis and hemoptysis. HRCT is shown below. Which investigation should be performed next to help you diagnose the condition?

A. C-ANCA

B. Anti-GBM

C. HbsAg

D. P-ANCA



WG

81. A 51-year-old woman comes to the emergency department because of a 1-day history of severe pain in her left knee. To lose weight, she recently started jogging for 30 minutes a few times per week. She has type 2 diabetes mellitus and hypertension treated with metformin and chlorothiazide. On examination, her temperature is 38.5°C (101.3°F), pulse is 88/min, and blood pressure is 138/87 mm Hg. The left knee is swollen and tender to palpation with a significantly impaired range of motion. A 1.5 cm. painless ulcer is seen on the plantar surface of the left foot. Which of the following is most likely to help establish the diagnosis?

- A. Perform arthrocentesis *6 out 10 C → crystals*
- B. Measure HLA-B27 *XX*
- C. Measure rheumatoid factor *XX RA*
- D. Perform serum uric acid *acute gout*

*↑ uricemia*

*Septic*

*acute*

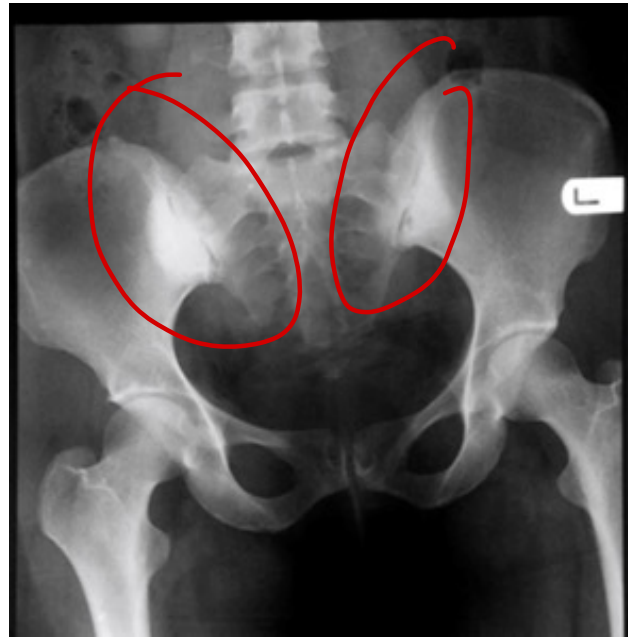
82. A 30-year-old multiparous woman presents with chronic lower back pain. The pain is non-radiating, worse with activity, and improves with rest. There are no neurological deficits. X-ray pelvis shows bilateral symmetric sclerosis of the iliac side of the sacroiliac joints, with joint spaces preserved. What is the most likely diagnosis?

A. Ankylosing spondylitis

B. Osteitis condensans ilii

C. Sacroiliitis

D. Metastatic bone disease



*Enthesis*

*incidental*

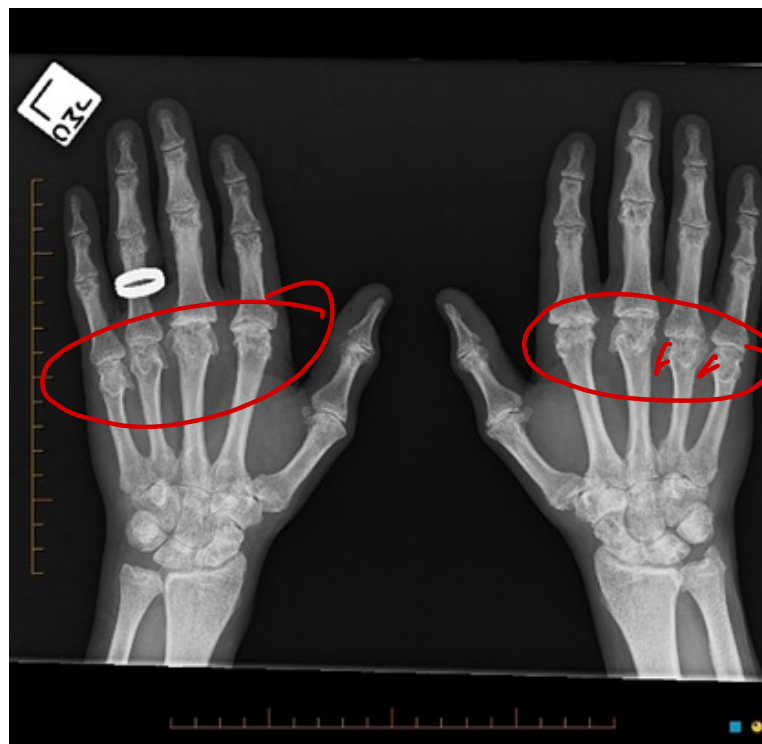
83. A 55-year-old woman comes for evaluation of persistent morning stiffness. She was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis 4 months ago and was prescribed methotrexate. The patient currently takes the maximum tolerated dose, along with folic acid and as-needed naproxen. On examination, swelling, tenderness, and pain on range of motion are found at the metacarpophalangeal and proximal interphalangeal joints and wrists bilaterally. Treatment with **etanercept** is considered. Which of the following tests should be performed before beginning treatment with this agent?

- A. HRCT chest
- B. Echocardiogram
- C. Fecal occult blood test
- D. Interferon gamma release assay**

TNF $\alpha$  ⊖

84. 43-year-old man comes to the OPD due to joint pain and stiffness in both hands for the past 6 months. He sometimes awakens with hand pain at night. Hand radiographs reveal bilateral erosions and joint deformities involving the second and third metacarpophalangeal joints. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

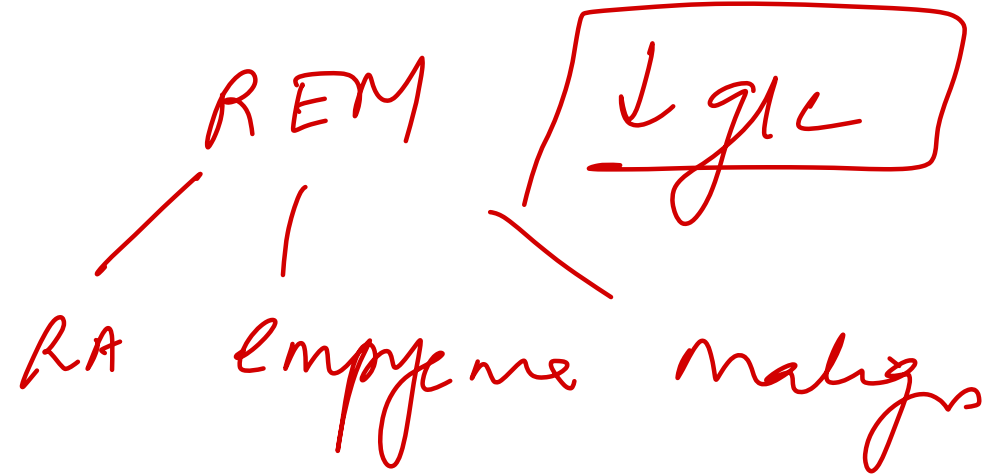
- A. Rheumatoid arthritis
- B. Hereditary hemochromatosis
- C. Multiple myeloma
- D. Reactive arthritis



85. All of the following characteristics are found in the pleural effusion fluid of a rheumatoid arthritis patient except:

- A. RA factor ✓
- B. Cholesterol crystals ✓
- C. High glucose
- D. High LDH ✓

pseudo  
-chylothorax



86. A triad of skin lesions, asymmetric mononeuritis multiplex and eosinophilia is seen in which of the following conditions?

A. Cryoglobulinemic vasculitis

B. Polyarteritis nodosa

C. EGPA

D. Giant cell arteritis

**87. All the following conditions are manifestations of IgG4RD EXCEPT:**

A. Autoimmune pancreatitis ✓

B. Crescentic glomerulonephritis

C. Lymphoplasmacytic aortitis ✓

D. Orbital pseudotumor ✓

*perirenal masses*

88. 35-year-old woman presents with fever and pain in knees and ankles. On the exam, she has B/L parotid swelling, and she has lesion shown in the picture below. Laboratory studies are normal except for a slightly increased calcium level. What is the most appropriate Rx?

A. Allopurinol

B. Corticosteroids

C. Methotrexate

D. Plasma Exchange



EN

Sarcoidosis

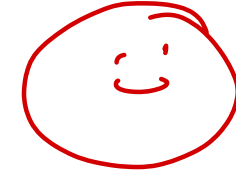
89. A 65-year-old female with severe headaches and sudden monocular vision loss has ESR of 67 mm/hr. Which of the following is the best next step in management?

~~A. Administration of oral corticosteroids~~

B. Temporal artery biopsy gold std

C. Retinal imaging with optical coherence tomography (OCT)

D. Brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)



GCA

93. A patient having persistent allergic rhinitis is on treatment with intranasal steroids. You wish to add an antihistamine to his treatment regimen. He requests an intranasal preparation. Which of the following will you prescribe?

- A. Ebastine
- B. Mizolastine
- C. Azelastine
- D. Fexofenadine

**94. Which is the monoclonal antibody approved for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis?**

**A. Nivolumab**

**B. Durvalumab**

**C. Sarilumab**

**D. Pembrolizumab**

95. Which of the following is true about the WHO analgesic ladder for chronic pain in adults?

A. Intravenous route is preferred

~~B. Step 3 includes use of Morphine~~

C. Adjuvants are indicated only for mild pain

D. Analgesics are given "on demand"

~~"on demand"~~ → "on clock"  
↓  
abuse

**WHO analgesic ladder** is a **three-step approach** for managing chronic pain:

**Step 1:** Non-opioids (e.g., paracetamol, NSAIDs) for mild pain.

**Step 2:** Weak opioids (e.g., codeine, tramadol) ± non-opioids for moderate pain.

**Step 3:** Strong opioids (e.g., morphine, fentanyl) ± non-opioids for severe pain.

**Thank You**

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