C106 Case Studies: Unusual Movement Disorders

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In this session, we will discuss several cases where important phenomenological difficulties were presented. These cases will be discussed with the expectation of no prior knowledge by the audience, in a format that will stimulate interactive participation. There will be a wide range of disorders for which a final diagnosis may not have become readily apparent at the initial assessment.

The review of each of these movement disorder will emphasize rare diseases but also uncommon presentations of common diseases. The video segments will facilitate a deeper understanding of the complexity of many movement disorders and, where appropriate, the treatment approach well above the level provided by textbooks, usual curricula, or even from the traditional conference formats of description-only case presentations.

The audience will have the opportunity to share their own cases by submitting them in advance of the presentation for consideration by the faculty.
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The Unusual Movement Disorders session has a long tradition at the AAN. Cases are presented by the faculty as well as by members of the audience. Phenomenology is discussed first followed by differential diagnosis and investigations. The faculty prioritize cases with a known final diagnosis in order to provide a maximal learning opportunity for the audience. The chairperson for the course traditionally provides a very brief syllabus outlining the approach taken in the session. The individual faculty members do not provide separate lecture notes or syllabi.

Since the cases are presented as “unknowns”, since many may only be presented as a videotape with no slides and finally, since some cases come from the audience and the faculty often have no advanced knowledge of these cases, we have traditionally not provided slides for the session.