

# Neurodiagnostics

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Laboratory  
Blood Samples



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Fluid



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# The NeuroLevel and NeuroExam

## Neurological Examination

Cognition

Cranial Nerves

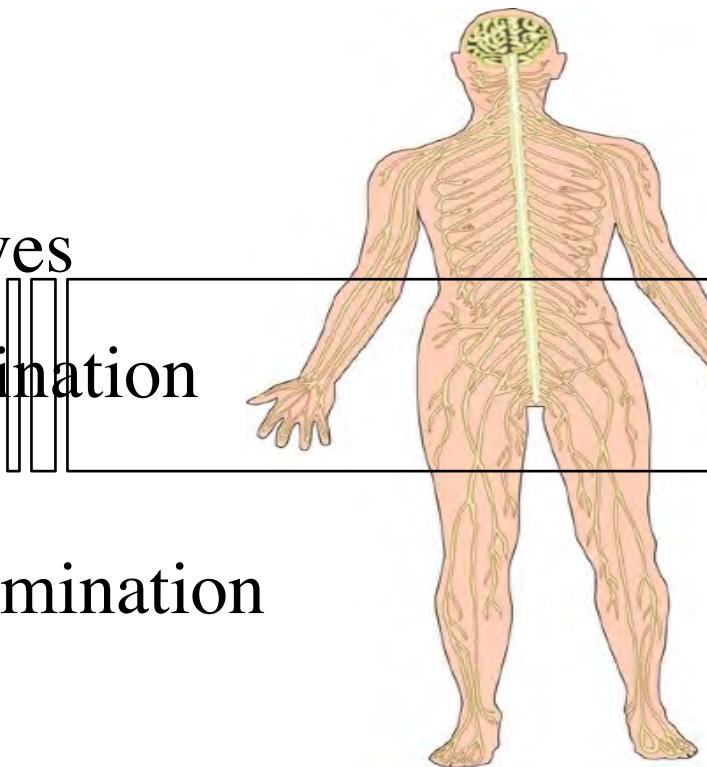
Motor examination

Coordination

Sensory Examination

Reflexes

The Autonomic Nervous System



## Neurological Level

Psyche

Cerebral hemispheres

Basal ganglia

Brainstem and cranial nerves

Cerebellum

Spinal cord

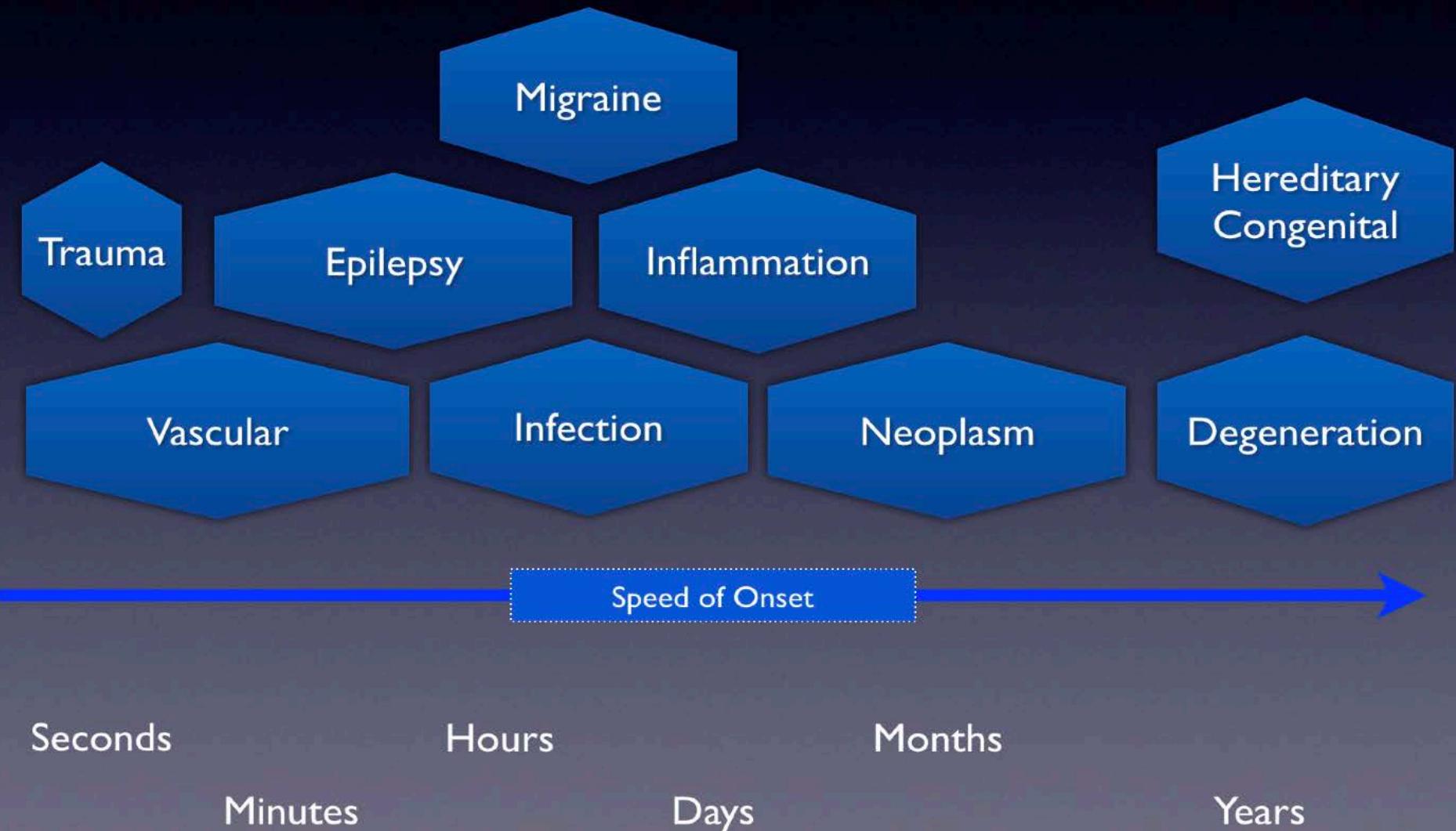
Nerve root

Peripheral nerve

Myoneural junction

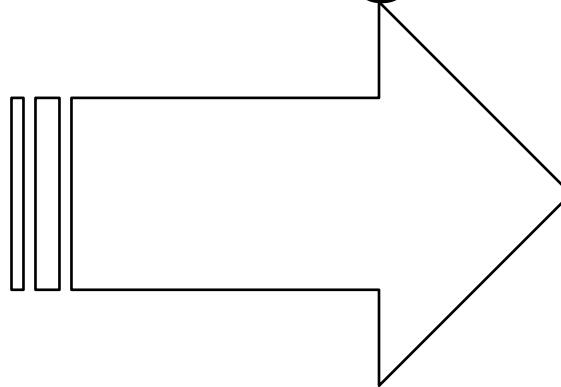
Muscle

# The Timescale of Neurological Symptoms



# Neurodiagnostics

- **Patient history**
- **Examination**



**Neurological level**

- Neuroradiology
  - Computed tomography CT, TT-angiography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), MRI-angiography (MRA)
  - Functional MRI, SPECT, PET
- Neurophysiology
  - EEG = electroencephalography
  - ENMG = electroneuromyography
  - Activation potentials VEP (visual), SEP (sensory), BAEP (brainstem)
- Lumbar puncture, cerebrospinal fluid
- Laboratory studies
- Brain or nerve biopsy

# Neurodiagnostiikka (II)

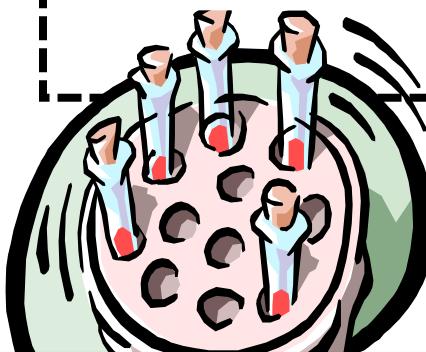
Headache  
Confusion

Convulsion Tiredness

## Neurological Symptom

Dysphasia  
Inattention  
Hemiparesis  
Ataxia

## History ja neurological examination



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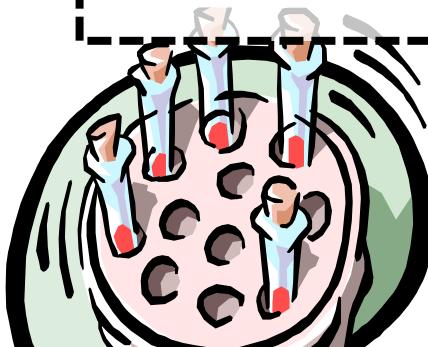
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# What Disorder – How to Proceed?

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# Mikä tauti, miten tutkit ?

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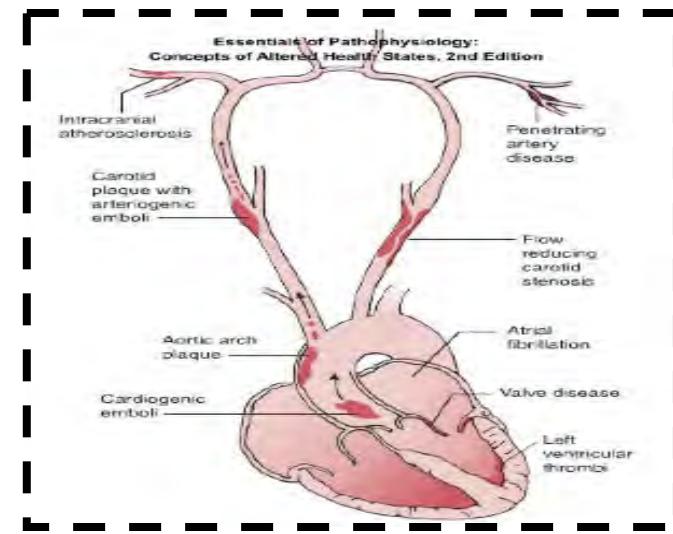
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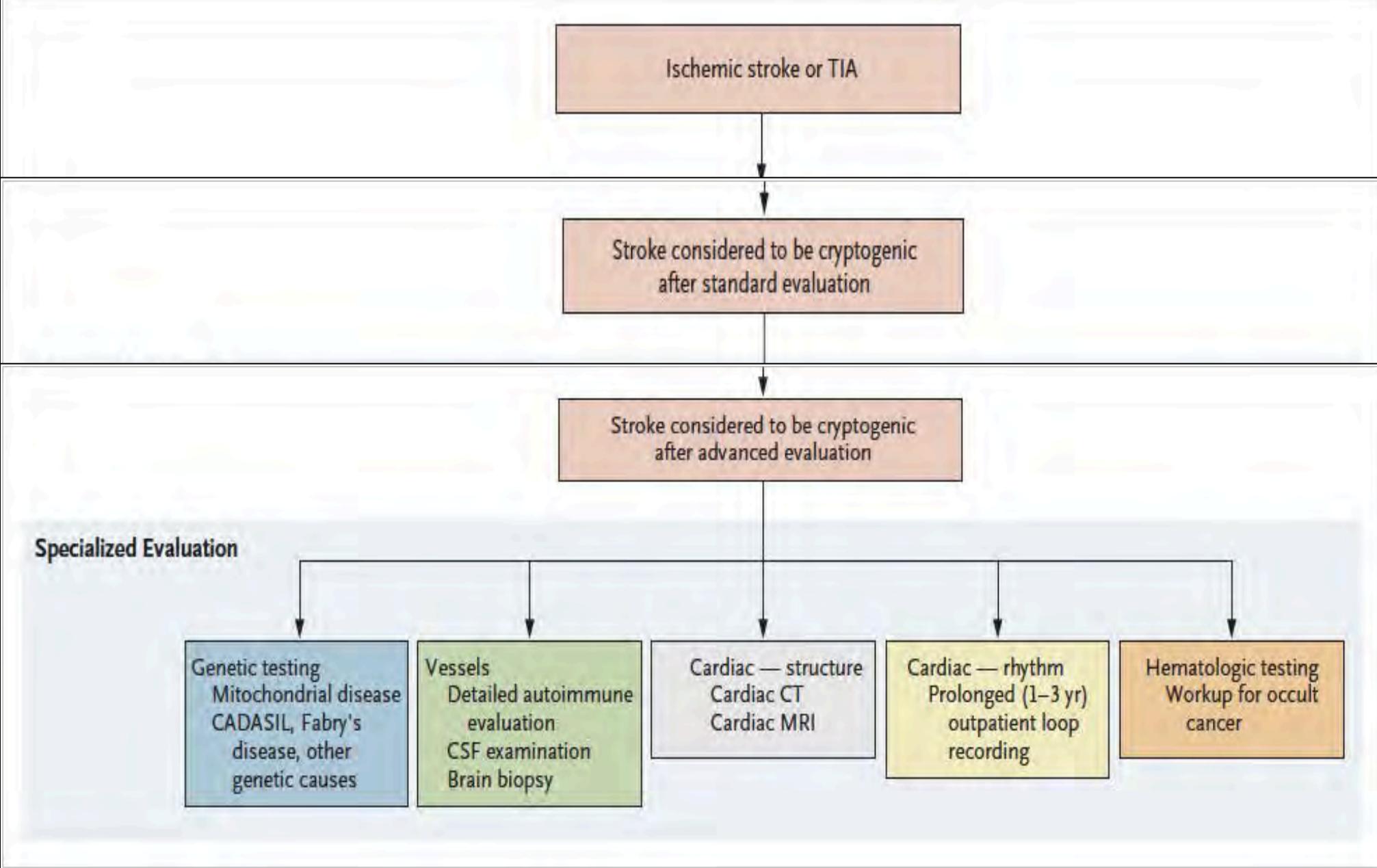


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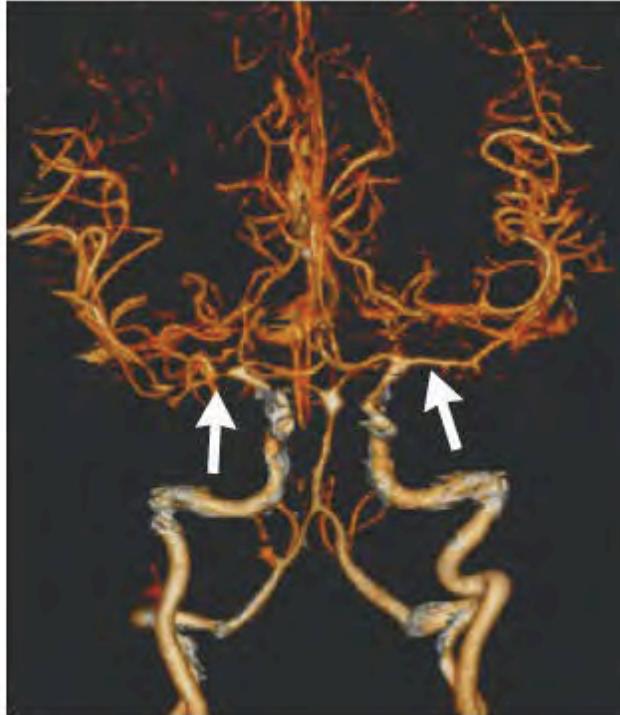
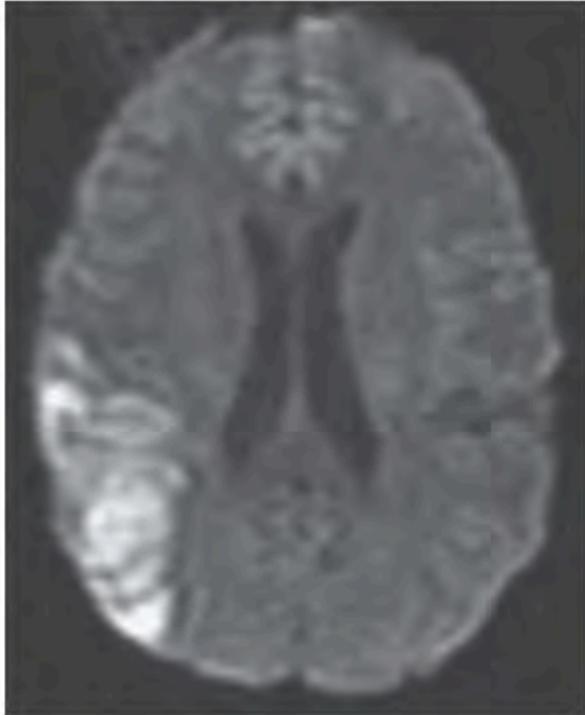


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## Nonatherosclerotic Arteriopathy and the Reversible Cerebral Vasoconstriction Syndrome



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# Patient is confused – what do you need to study?

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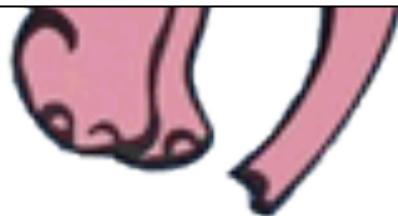
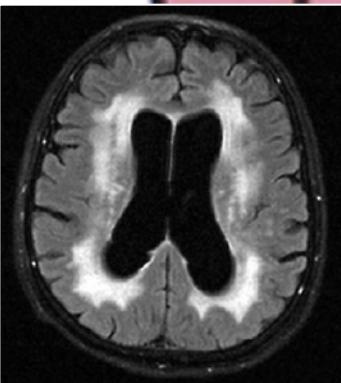
# Infection

Medicine, drug, intoxication, withdrawal

Disorders of fluid balance

Trauma – including operations

Intracranial pathology



## **"STONED"-mnemonic**

S = sugar, stroke, seizure

T = trauma, temperature

O = organ failure

N = iNfection, neoplasm

E = endocrine

D = drugs, dietary deficiency

**Look for asymmetry - ie. focal signs**

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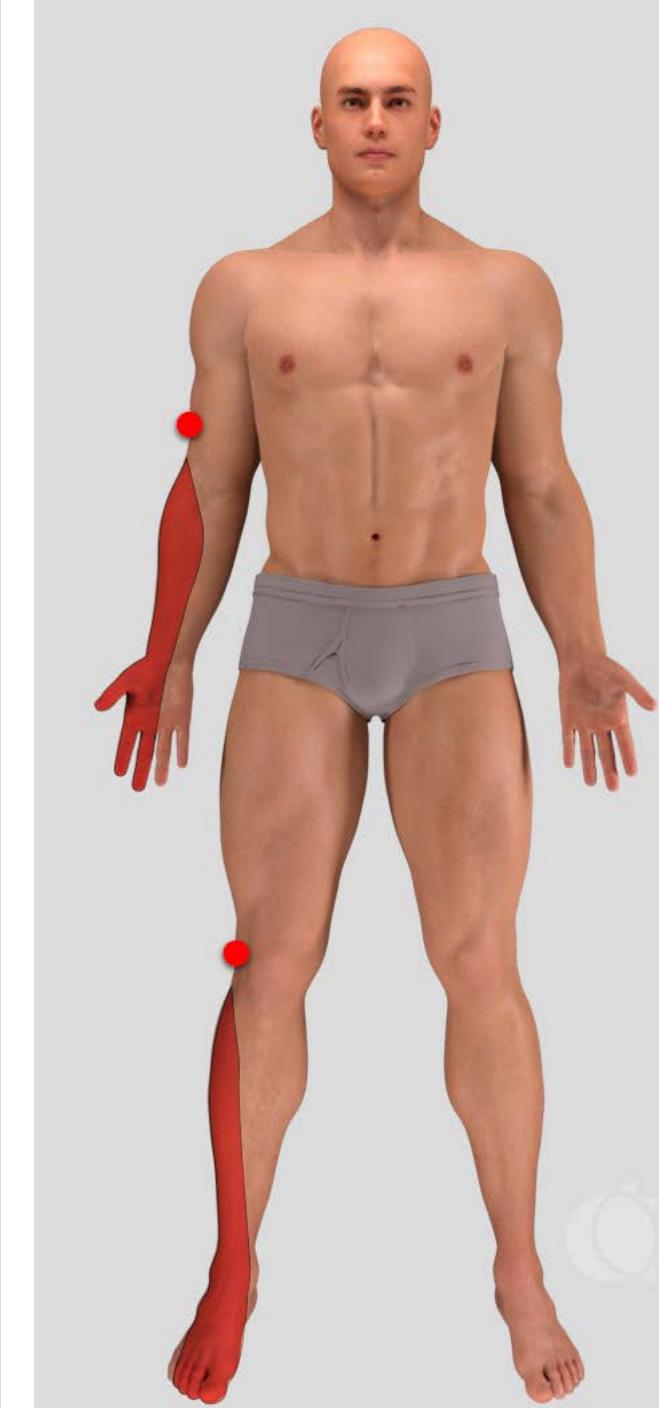
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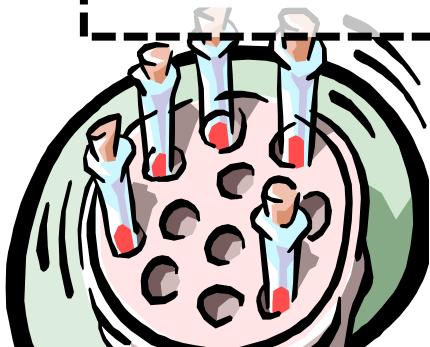
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# Problem with Balance – How to Proceed?

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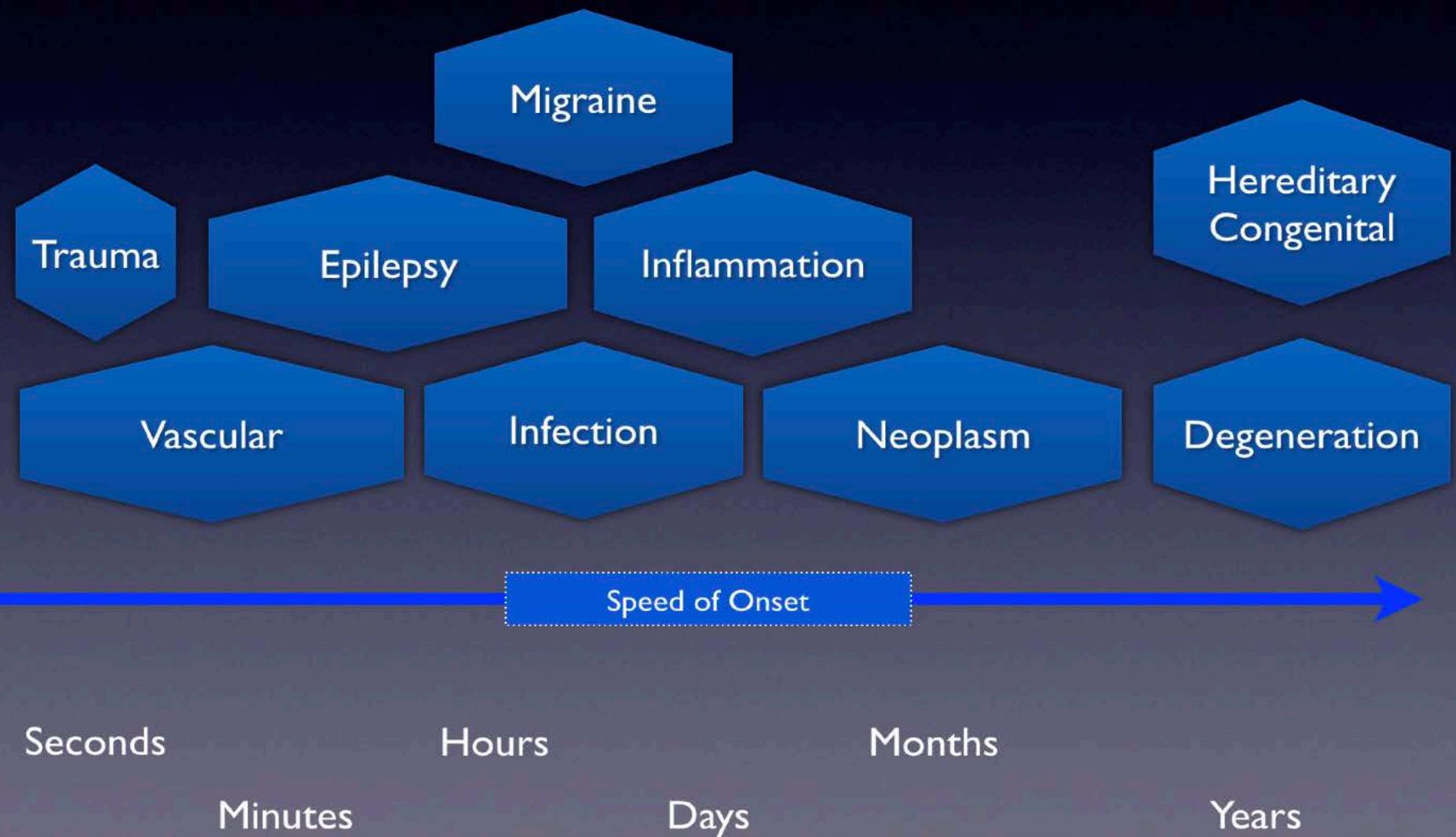


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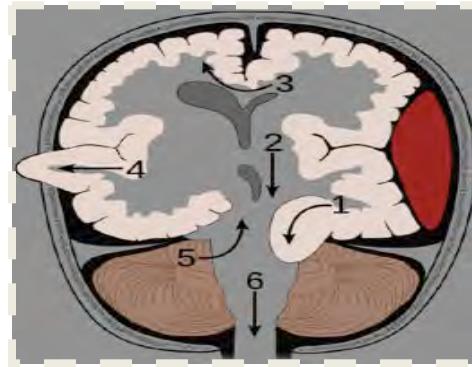
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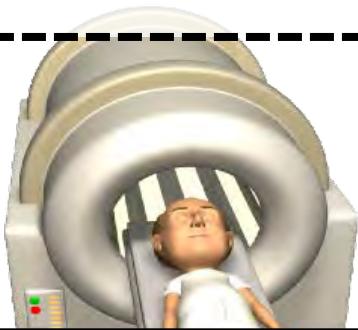


# When are you really in a hurry?

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# Epidural hematoma

## Brain herniation

## Increased ICP

## Basilar thrombosis

## Status epilepticus

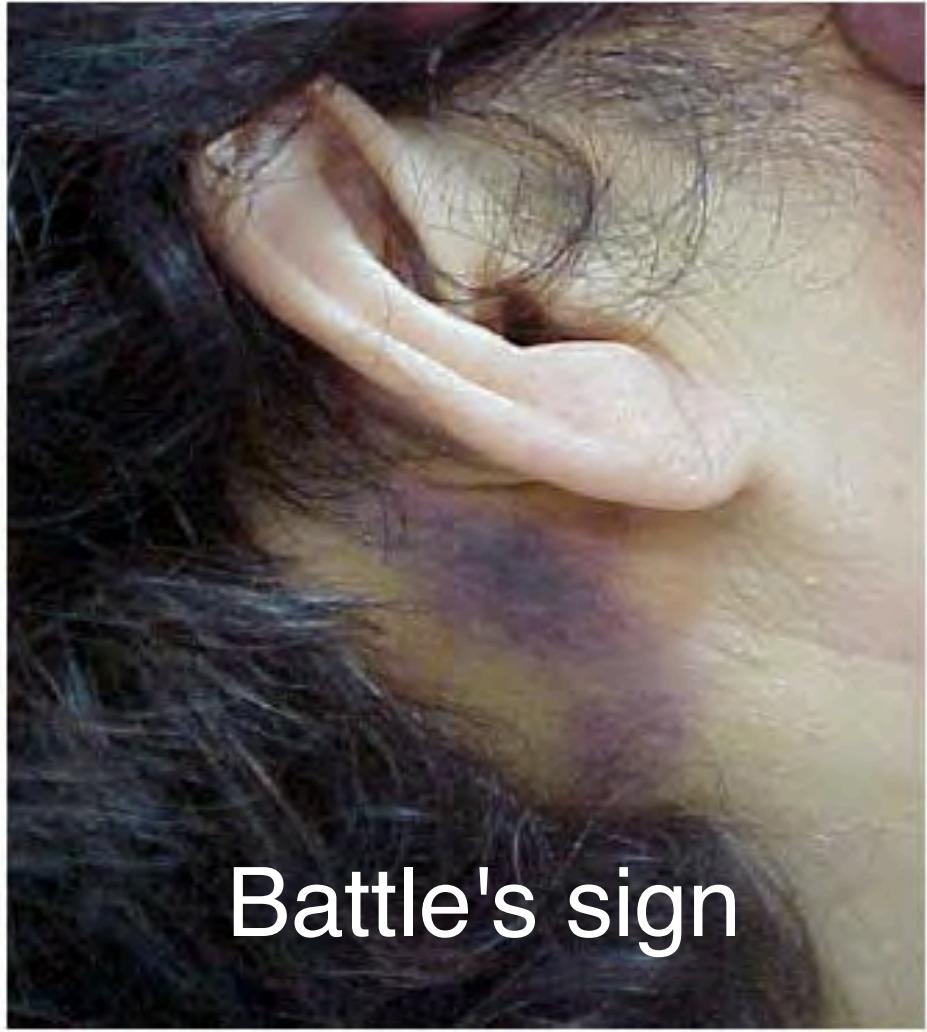
## Bacterial meningitis



ICP = IntraCranial Pressure



Raccoon eyes



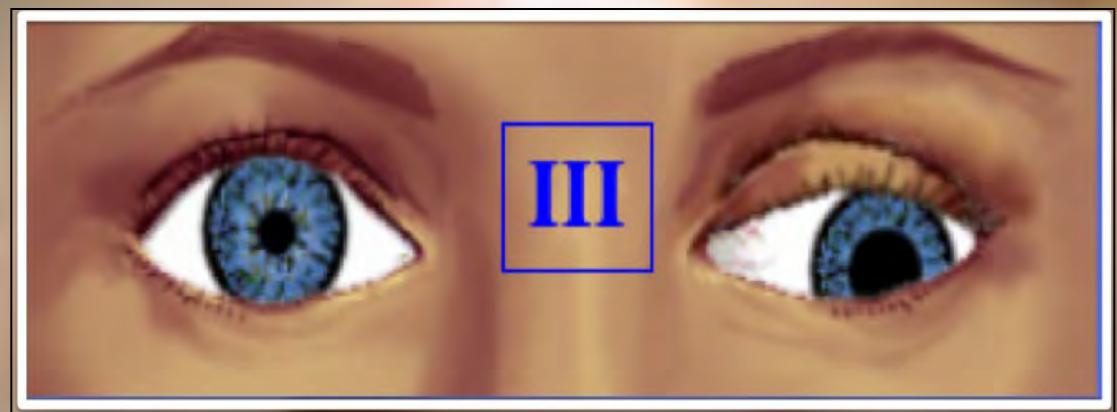
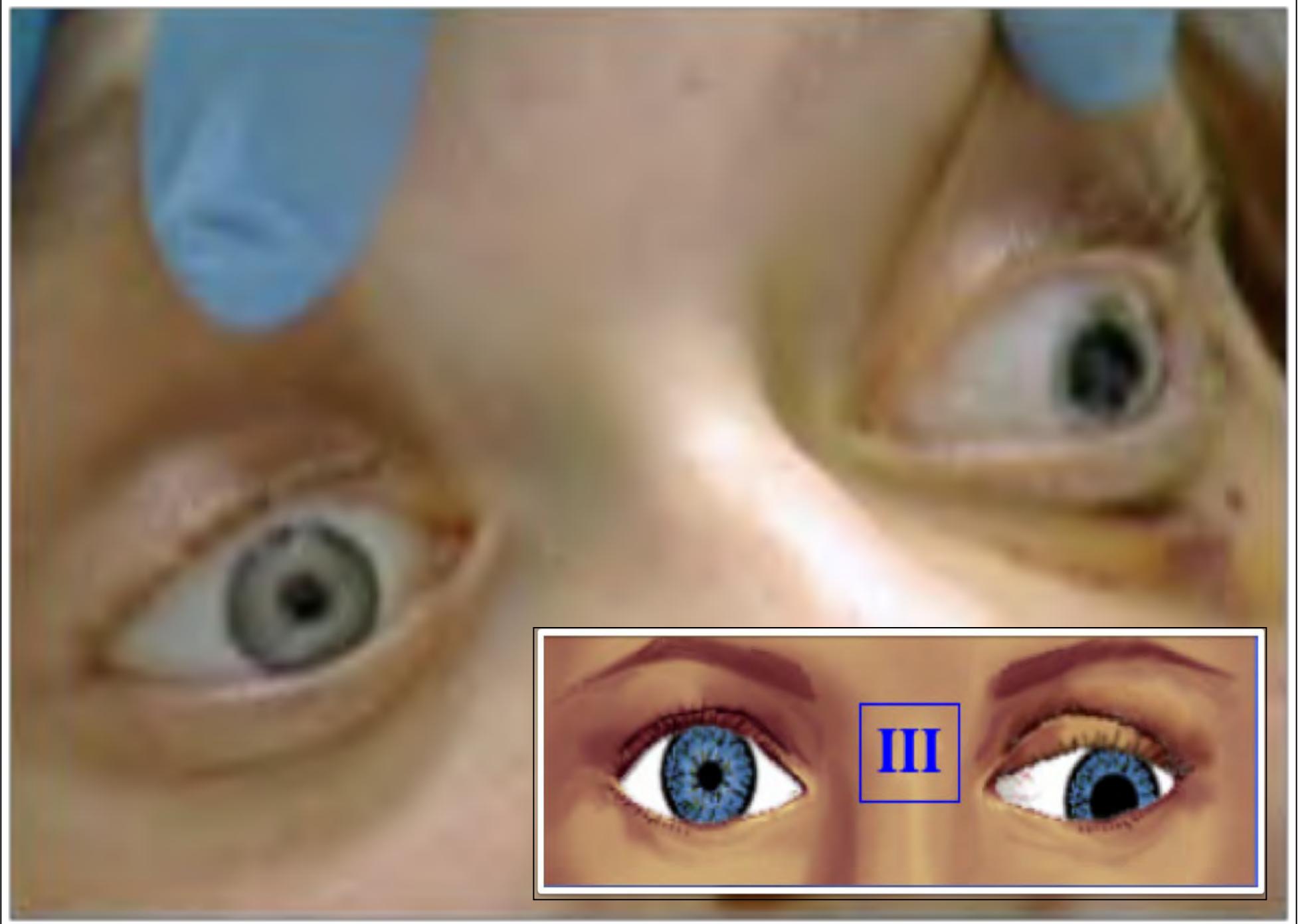
Battle's sign

# Signs of Trauma

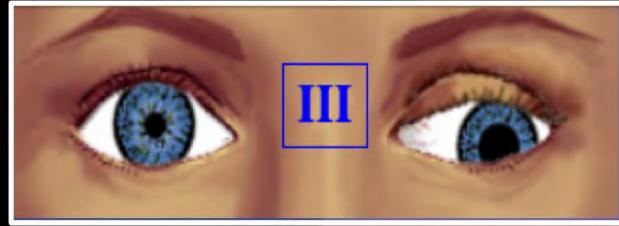


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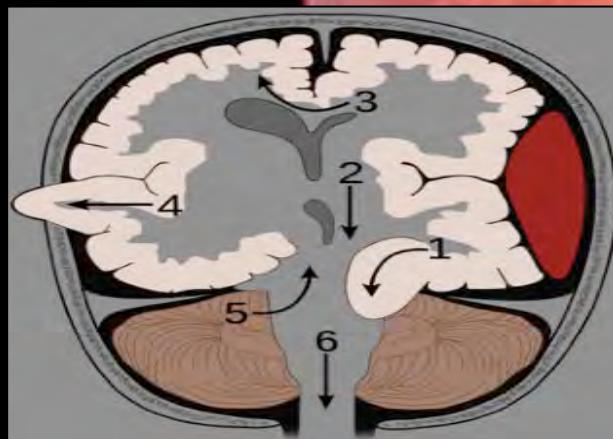
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# Papilledema



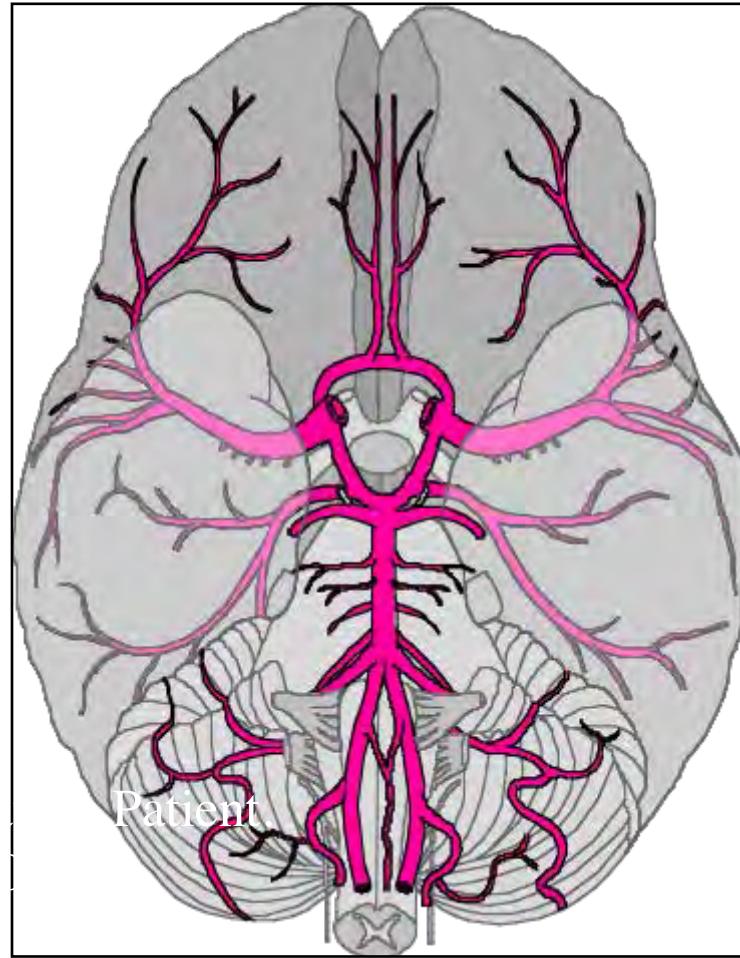
Optic nerve  
papilla swollen



Extravasation of  
blood

Blurred blood vessels  
behind the edema

# Locked-in-syndrome



Severe destruction of the pons – no movement from the eyes down

# Meningitis

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Fever  
Headache  
Meningism  
Confusion



Exam 1

Exam 2

Exam 3



**Know the Bug Before Choosing the Drug**

**Start medication within 30 minutes**

# Patient in unconscious – what do you do?

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