

Parkinson's Motor Symptoms

A checklist for tracking motor-related symptoms

Symptom Experienced	Frequency
Tremor An involuntary quivering movement	
Bradykinesia Slowness of movement	
Rigidity Stiffness	
Postural instability Tendency to be unstable when standing	
Hypomimia Reduced facial expression or "facial masking"	
Dysarthria Difficult or unclear articulation of speech	
Dysphagia Difficulty or discomfort in swallowing	
Sialorrhea Hypersalivation or excessive production of saliva	
Diaphragm dysfunction with dyspnea Shortness of breath	
Decreased arm swing	
Shuffling gait	
Festination A walking gait characterized by involuntary acceleration	
Difficulty rising and/or turning over	
Micrographia Small handwriting	

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	Glabellar reflex Reflex elicited by repetitive tapping on the forehead. Subjects blink in response to the first several taps. If the blinking persists, this is known as Myerson's sign and is considered abnormal.	
	Blepharospasm Involuntary tight closure of the eyelids	
	Dystonia Muscles contract involuntarily, causing repetitive or twisting movements	
	Striatal deformity Abnormal postures of the hand and foot	
	Scoliosis A condition in which the spine curves to the left or right, creating a C- or S-shaped curve	
	Camptocormia An abnormal thoracolumbar spinal flexion, or a forward bending of the lower joints of the spine occurring in a standing position	
	Difficulty with the activities of daily living including cutting food, feeding oneself, and maintaining hygiene	
	Source: Patterned from the review: Jankovic, J. "Parkinson's disease: clinical feat Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry 2008;79:368-376.	ures and diagnosis." Journal of
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