

Neuromuscular diseases - a practical approach to diagnosis and management

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Muscular weakness of the chest or diaphragm, resulting in respiratory volumes <60% predicted (FVC < 60%), especially in patients with kyphoscoliosis
Use of ventilation via mask or tracheostomy
Weak cough and weak airway clearance due to oropharyngeal weakness
Presence of tracheostoma
Cardiac involvement (and/or on medication for heart involvement)
Conditions at risk of deterioration with fever, fasting, or infection (e.g., neuromuscular junction or metabolic disorders)
Conditions at risk of rhabdomyolysis with fever, fasting, or infection
Comorbidity (e.g., diabetes and obesity)
Patients receiving steroids and immunosuppressant treatment

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Neuromuscular Notes: Rhabdomyolysis

Despite the severity of these conditions, it often takes a long time before a child is diagnosed, meaning they miss out on early treatments and interventions. Coppin RJ, Wicke DM, Little PS.

Recognising neuromuscular disorders

Additional research into a reliable and validated outcome measure and new treatments for muscle cramps are areas of unmet need.

Neuromuscular Diseases

The peripheral apparatus of muscle pain: evidence from animal and human studies.

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During the resting period, an elevated serum lactate can indicate the presence of an underlying mitochondrial myopathy. Cramp intensity and location can also be considered to quantify severity.

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