

# Le Crisi e Le Epilessie del Lobo Frontale

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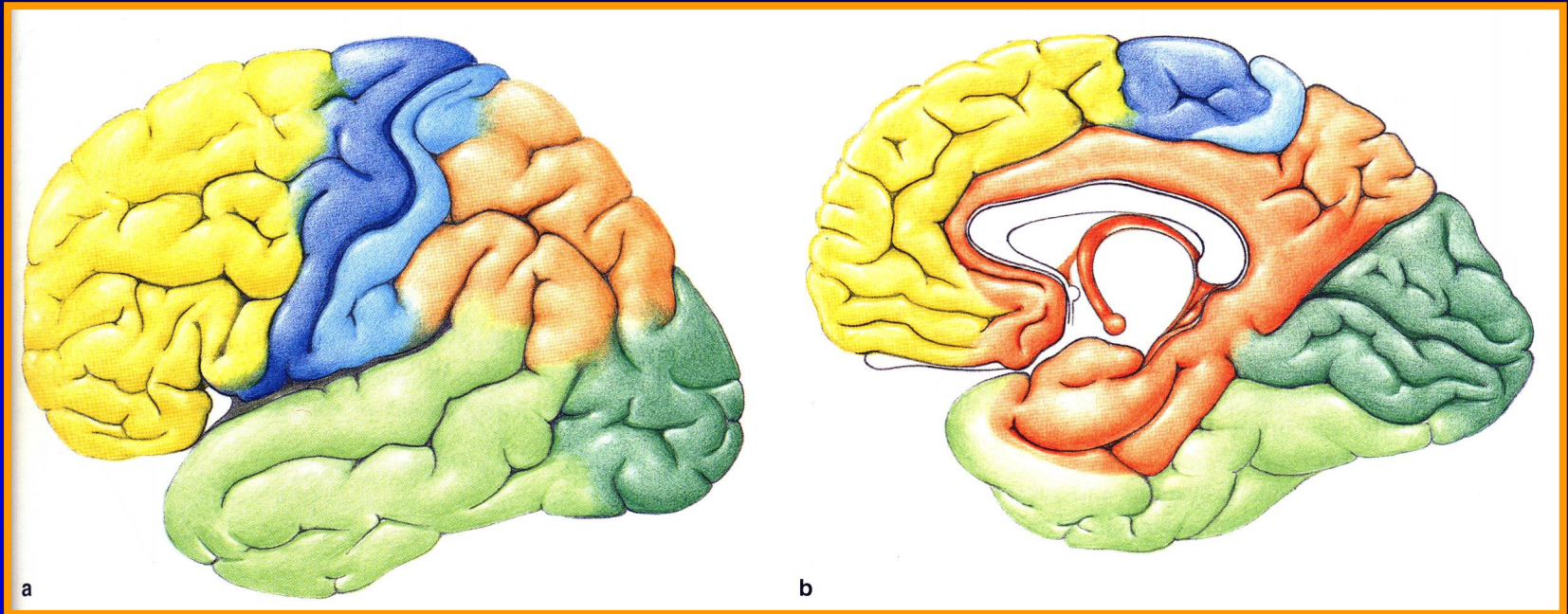
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♀, 17 anni

- Dall'età di 15 anni circa:
  - Episodi parossistici durante sonno (notturno)
  - Brevi e frequenti (più volte/die)
  - Movimenti ampi ai quattro arti, gemiti, deviazione del capo a destra e a sinistra
  - Rapida ripresa

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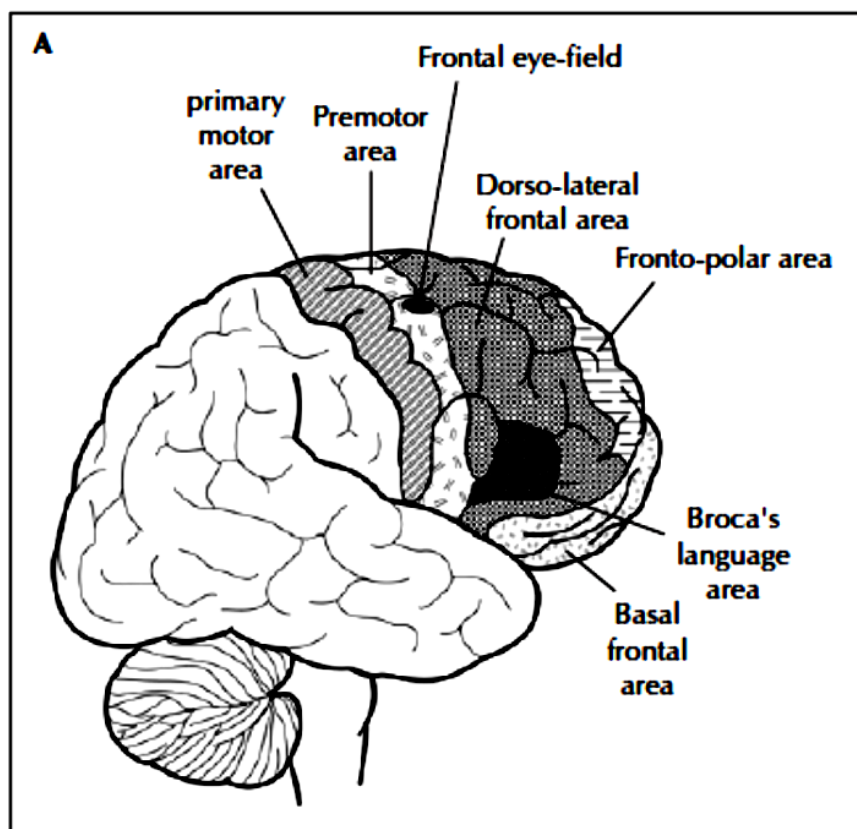
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- Comprende 20-30% delle Epilessie Focali
- Non completamente studiata...
- Complessità del Lobo Frontale

# HYPERMOTOR OR HYPERKINETIC SEIZURES

## SEEG Studies



- Cortex cingulate cortex (82%)
- Orbitofrontal cortex (45%)
- Frontal polar cortex (27%)
- Mesial premotor cortex
- Dorsolateral frontal cortex

*(Rheims et al., 2008)*

*(Tal et al, 2010)*

# HYPERMOTOR OR HYPERKINETIC SEIZURES

## Extracerebral Brain Regions

- Anterior Superior portion of insula (Ryvlin et al., 2006)
- Parietotemporal region (Nishibayashi et al., 2009)
- Temporal lobe epilepsy (.....)

# HYPERMOTOR OR HYPERKINETIC SEIZURES IN TLE

## SLEEP IN NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Epileptic Nocturnal Wanderings with a Temporal Lobe Origin: A Stereo-Electroencephalographic Study

*SLEEP, Vol. 25, No. 6, 2002*

Lino Nobili, MD;<sup>1,2</sup> Stefano Francione, PhD;<sup>1</sup> Francesco Cardinale, MD;<sup>1</sup> and Giorgio Lo Russo, MD<sup>1</sup>

**R. Mai • I. Sartori • S. Francione • L. Tassi • L. Castana • F. Cardinale • M. Cossu • A. Citterio  
N. Colombo • G. Lo Russo • L. Nobili**

**Sleep-related hyperkinetic seizures: always a frontal onset?**

Neural networks underlying hyperkinetic seizures  
of “temporal lobe” origin

*Epilepsy Research (2009) 86, 200–208*

L. Vaugier<sup>a</sup>, S. Aubert<sup>a</sup>, A. McGonigal<sup>a,c</sup>, A. Trébuchon<sup>c</sup>, M. Guye<sup>a,b,c</sup>,  
M. Gavaret<sup>a,b,c</sup>, J. Regis<sup>b,c</sup>, P. Chauvel<sup>a,b,c</sup>, F. Wendling<sup>d,e</sup>,  
F. Bartolomei<sup>a,b,c,\*</sup>

Hypermotor seizures in patients with temporal  
pole lesions

Lina Wang<sup>a</sup>, Gregory C. Mathews<sup>a,\*</sup>, William O. Whetsell<sup>b</sup>,  
Bassel Abou-Khalil<sup>a</sup>

*Epilepsy Research (2008) 82, 93–98*

Temporal lobe origin is common in patients who have undergone epilepsy surgery for hypermotor seizures



Amir M. Arain<sup>a,\*</sup>, Nabil J. Azar<sup>a</sup>, Andre H. Lagrange<sup>a</sup>, Michael McLean<sup>a</sup>, Pradumna Singh<sup>a</sup>, Hasan Sonmezturk<sup>a</sup>, Peter Konrad<sup>b</sup>, Joseph Neimat<sup>b</sup>, Bassel Abou-Khalil<sup>a</sup>

Epilepsy & Behavior 64 (2016) 57–61

Original Article

Sleep Medicine 12 (2011) S33–S38

Epileptic motor behaviors during sleep: Anatomico-electro-clinical features

P. Proserpio<sup>a,b</sup>, M. Cossu<sup>a</sup>, S. Francione<sup>a</sup>, F. Gozzo<sup>a</sup>, G. Lo Russo<sup>a</sup>, R. Mai<sup>a</sup>, A. Moscato<sup>a</sup>, M. Schiariti<sup>a</sup>, I. Sartori<sup>a</sup>, L. Tassi<sup>a</sup>, L. Nobili<sup>a,b,\*</sup>

## Hyperkinetic seizures in patients with temporal lobe epilepsy: Clinical features and outcome after temporal lobe resection

*Epilepsia*, 52(8):1439–1446, 2011

\*Anke M. Staack, \*Sofia Bilic, \*Anne-Sophie Wendling, \*Julia Scholly, \*Uwe Kraus, \*Karl Strobl, \*Frédéric Bodin, †Josef Zentner, and \*Bernhard J. Steinhoff

## Sleep-related hyperkinetic seizures of temporal lobe origin

NEUROLOGY 2004;62:482–485

L. Nobili, MD, PhD; M. Cossu, MD; R. Mai, MD; L. Tassi, MD; F. Cardinale, MD; L. Castana, MD; A. Citterio, MD; I. Sartori, MD; G. Lo Russo, MD; and S. Francione, MD, PhD

### Complex motor behaviors in temporal lobe epilepsy

**Abstract**—Complex motor behaviors differing from typical automatisms were found in 12 of 502 patients with temporal lobe epilepsy. Movements involved proximal limb segments (6) or body axis (6) and were often preceded by auras and followed by automatisms. Seven of 12 patients are seizure free after surgery. The other 5 patients declined surgery.

NEUROLOGY 2005;65:1805–1807

M. Carreño, MD, PhD; A. Donaire, MD; M.A. Pérez Jiménez, MD, PhD; R. Agudo, MD; A. Quilez, MD; J. Rumià, MD; F. Villarejo, MD; N. Bargalló, MD, PhD; T. Boget, PsyD; T. Raspall, MD; L. Pintor, MD, PhD; and X. Setoain, MD, PhD



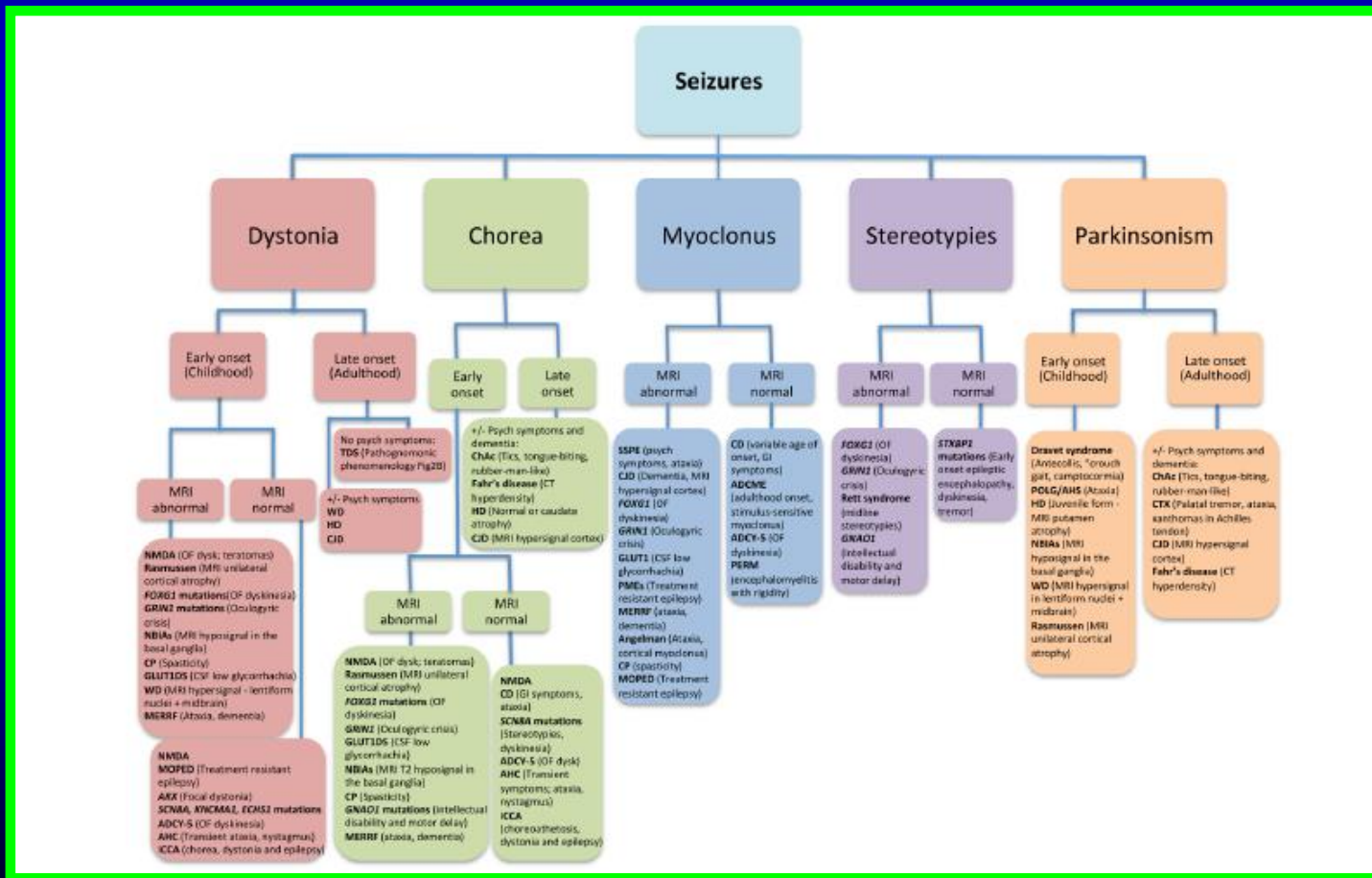
Disturbo del Movimento

Altre Crisi Epilettiche ed Epilessie

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# Seizures and movement disorders: phenomenology, diagnostic challenges and therapeutic approaches

Maria Eliza Freitas,<sup>1</sup> Marta Ruiz-Lopez,<sup>2</sup> Josep Dalmau,<sup>3,4</sup> Roberto Erro,<sup>5,4</sup> Michael Privitera,<sup>5</sup> Danielle Andrade,<sup>6</sup> Alfonso Fasano<sup>7</sup>



# Disturbo del Movimento

## Altre Crisi Epilettiche ed Epilessie

### Le Crisi e le Epilessie del Lobo Frontale

Manifestazioni Parossistiche NON Epilettiche

Psicogene

Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures

# Differentiating Frontal Lobe Epilepsy from Psychogenic Nonepileptic Seizures

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Table 1

Behaviors to distinguish between psychogenic nonepileptic and epileptic seizures

| Observation                            | PNES  | ES   |
|--|---|--|
| Situational onset                      | Common                                      | Rare                                       |
| Gradual onset                          | Common                                      | Rare                                       |
| Precipitated by stimuli (noise, light) | Occasional                                  | Rare                                       |
| Purposeful movements                   | Occasional                                  | Very rare                                  |
| Opisthotonus ( <i>arc de cercle</i> )  | Occasional                                  | Very rare                                  |
| Tongue biting (tip)                    | Occasional                                  | Rare                                       |
| Tongue biting (side)                   | Very Rare                                   | Common                                     |
| Prolonged ictal atonia                 | Occasional                                  | Very rare                                  |
| Vocalization during tonic-clonic phase | Occasional                                  | Very rare                                  |
| Reactivity during unconsciousness      | Occasional                                  | Very rare                                  |
| Rapid postictal reorientation          | Common                                      | Unusual                                    |
| Undulating motor activity              | Common                                      | Very rare                                  |
| Asynchronous limb movements            | Common                                      | Rare                                       |
| Rhythmical pelvic movements            | Occasional                                  | Rare                                       |
| Side-to-side head shaking              | Common                                      | Rare                                       |
| Ictal crying                           | Occasional                                  | Very rare                                  |
| Ictal stuttering                       | Occasional                                  | Rare                                       |
| Postictal whispering                   | Occasional                                  | Not present                                |
| Closed mouth in tonic phase            | Occasional                                  | Very rare                                  |
| Closed eyelids during seizure onset    | Very common                                 | Rare                                       |
| Convulsion >2 min                      | Common                                      | Very rare                                  |
| Resisted lid opening                   | Common                                      | Very rare                                  |
| Pupillary light reflex                 | Usually retained                            | Commonly absent                            |
| Cyanosis                               | Rare  | Common                                     |
| Ictal grasping                         | Rare  | Occurs in FLE and TLE                      |
| Postictal nose rubbing                 | Not present                                 | Can occur in TLE                           |
| Stertorous breathing postictally       | Not present                                 | Common                                     |
| Self-injury                            | May be present<br>(especially excoriations) | May be present<br>(especially lacerations) |
| Incontinence                           | May be present                              | May be present                             |

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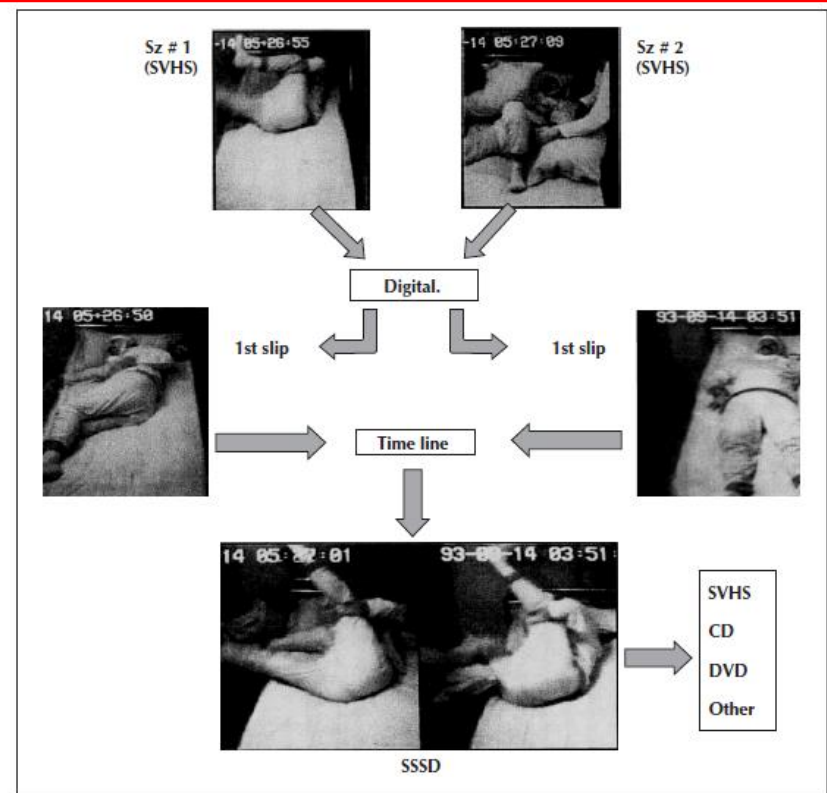
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Split-screen  
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A useful video-EEG technique  
for studying  
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Paolo Tinuper, Carlo Grassi, Francesca Bisulli, Federica Provini,  
Giuseppe Plazzi, Elena Zoni, Elio Lugaresi



# Classification of paroxysmal events and the four-dimensional epilepsy classification system

Hans Lüders<sup>1</sup>, Guadalupe F. Gonzalez-Ramos<sup>2</sup>, Naoki Akamatsu<sup>3</sup>, Shahram Akhondzadeh<sup>4</sup>, Christoph Baumgartner<sup>6</sup>, Sebastian Bauer<sup>5</sup>, Andrew Bleasel<sup>8</sup>, Adriana Bruni<sup>9</sup>, Mar Carreño<sup>11</sup>, Michael Devinsky<sup>10</sup>, Naiara García Losarcos<sup>14</sup>, H. Hirsch<sup>12</sup>, Shirin Jamal-Omidi<sup>17</sup>, Giri Kiran<sup>13</sup>, Andrés M. Kanner<sup>19</sup>, Susan Kanner<sup>18</sup>, Samden Lhatoo<sup>22</sup>, Shih Hui Lee<sup>20</sup>, Jayanti Mani<sup>25</sup>, Riki Matsumoto<sup>21</sup>, Jonathan P. Miller<sup>7</sup>, Sobhy Noachtar<sup>28</sup>, André Palmieri<sup>29</sup>, Jun Park<sup>30</sup>,

*Brain* (2001), 124, 1683–1700

## INVITED REVIEW

# Presurgical evaluation of epilepsy

Felix Rosenow<sup>1</sup> and Hans Lüders<sup>2</sup>

# Frontal lobe epilepsy

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# SEMEIOLOGIA

## EPILESSIA DEL LOBO TEMPORALE

- Sensazione iniziale tipica (AURA)
- Graduale perdita di consapevolezza  
(con o senza automatismi)
- Ripresa graduale
- Confusione post-critica

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# Ictal hyperperfusion patterns according to the progression of temporal lobe seizures

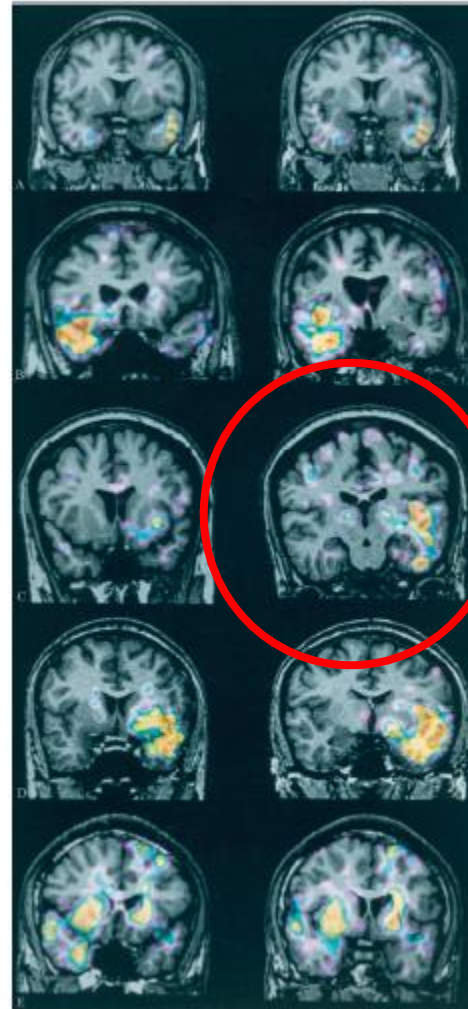
NEUROLOGY 2002;58:373-380

Won Chul Shin, MD

; and S. Eun Kim, MD

## Dystonia and regional changes in temporal lobe epilepsy

M.R. Newton, MB, FRCR  
D.C. Reutens, MB, FRCR



## Regional cerebral blood flow changes during seizures

NEUROLOGY 1992;42:371-377

; M.C. Austin, DipApplSci;  
P.F. Bladin, MD, FRACP

## The underlying mechanisms of ictal dystonia

S. Dupont

## Pathophysiology of ictal focal epilepsy

NEUROLOGY 1998;51:1289-1292

Y. Samson, MD

# SEMEIOLOGIA

## EPILESSIA DEL LOBO FRONTALE

- crisi frequenti (spesso pluri-quotidiane)
- soprattutto in sonno
- breve durata
- inizio e fine bruschi
- rare sensazioni soggettive e poco definite
- perdita di consapevolezza precoce
- confusione post-critica modesta
- frequenti secondarie generalizzazioni TC



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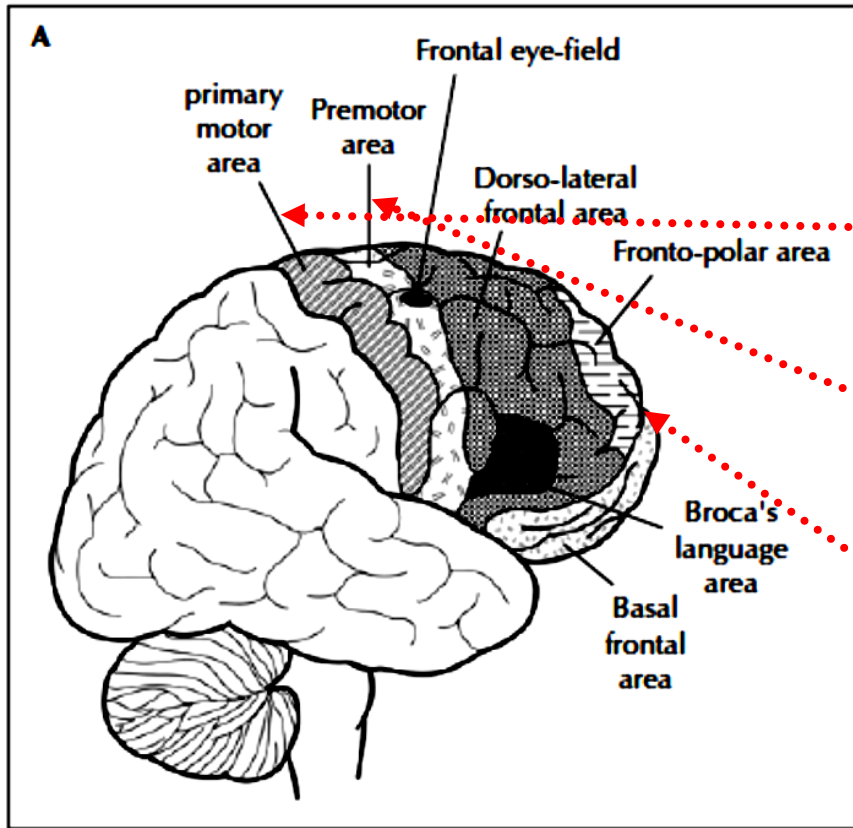
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# LOBO FRONTALE



- Area Precentrale
- Area Premotoria
- Area Prefrontale

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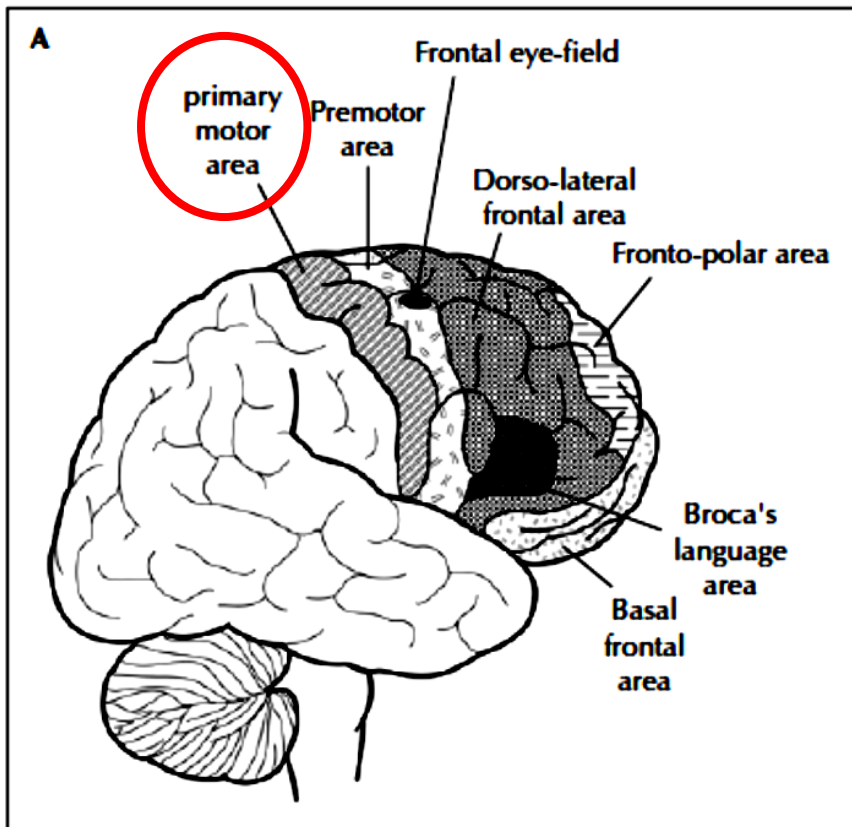
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# CRISI FOCALI MOTORIE

## AREA MOTORIA PRIMARIA



**Limiti anatomici:** giro precentrale, parte posteriore dei giri superiore, mediale, frontale inferiore.

**Afferenze:** regioni sensori-motorie, aree visive, acustiche, talamiche, reticolari o cortico-corticali.

**Efferenze:** cortico-spinali, cortico-corticali, cortico-sottocorticali

**Stimolazione elettrica:**

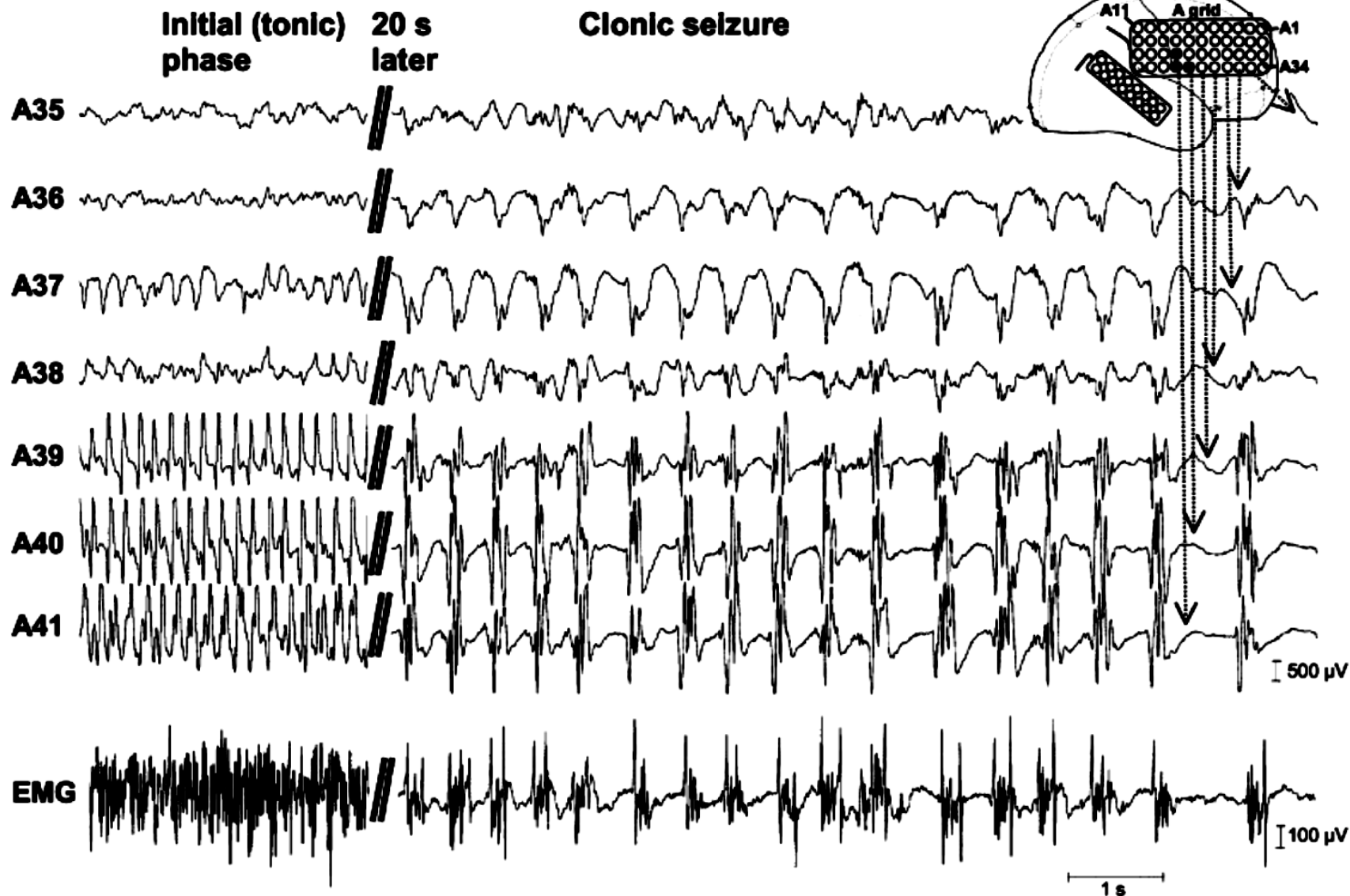
- risposte motorie controlaterali.
- risposte sensitive-negative

# CRISI FOCALI MOTORIE

## AREA MOTORIA PRIMARIA

- **Clinicamente:** attività motoria controlaterale. Di solito, esordio unilaterale nella faccia, quindi coinvolgimento dell'arto superiore (*marcia jacksoniana*), seguiti da arresto della parola e clonie palpebrali. Preservazione del contatto. Talora, secondarie generalizzazioni.
- **Quadro poligrafico-clinico:** incremento nel tono muscolare associato a *punte rapide ripetitive* sul giro pre-centrale, seguito da un regolare pattern di breve e sincrone contrazioni dei muscoli agonisti e antagonisti alternate a "rilassamento" muscolare.

## B Patient EB





# SEMIOLO

## SIMPLE MOTOR SEIZURES

### • MYOCLONIC SEIZURES

- a. Myoclonic seizures. Myoclonic seizures consist of short muscle contractions lasting <400 ms.

### • CLONIC SEIZURES

- d. Clonic seizures. Clonic seizures are a series of myoclonic contractions that regularly recur at a rate of 0.2–5/s.

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or by direct observation. Documentation of autonomic dysfunction may be clinical. Episodes may only be detected by a patient experiencing any unusual

is a new term coined to identify predominant symptomatology of consciousness (see discussion of Alteration of consciousness is different, for the purpose of identifying epileptic seizures, we classify altered consciousness as does the ILAE classification of epileptic electroclinical complexes, e.g., as episodes of unresponsiveness or decreased responsiveness that are not caused by motor alterations. Dialeptic seizures are associated with complete or partial amnesia for the episode; therefore, amnesia for the episode is necessary to establish the diagnosis of a dialeptic seizure. Simple dialeptic seizures consist of short episodes of altered consciousness: <20 s. The alteration of consciousness begins and ends abruptly and frequently is associated with rhythmic eye blinking at a rate of ~3 Hz. Patients with generalized absence epilepsy often have typical dialeptic seizures. All seizures that consist of an alteration of consciousness but that are not dialeptic seizures" should be classified as just seizures.

#### Simple motor seizures

Simple motor seizures are those in which the main symptomatology are motor movements that can be identified as motor seizures. Two major subgroups can be differentiated:

1. Simple motor seizures in which the motor movements are relatively "simple," unnatural, and consist of movements similar to movements elicited by electrical stimulation of the primary motor areas (Brodmann areas 4 and 6).
2. Complex motor seizures, in which the movements are relatively complex and simulate natural movements, except that they are inappropriate for the situation.

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- a. Myoclonic seizures. Myoclonic seizures consist of short muscle contractions lasting <400 ms.
- b. Tonic seizures. Tonic seizures consist of sustained muscle contractions, usually lasting >3 s, that lead to "positioning."
- c. Epileptic spasms. The term epileptic spasm is used to identify muscle contractions of variable duration which affect predominantly axial muscles. Epilep-

tic spasms frequently occur in clusters in which the duration of the muscle contractions may vary from a short myoclonic jerk to a sustained tonic posturing. Usually the epileptic spasm consists of abduction of both arms in a "salaam" posture.

- d. Clonic seizures. Clonic seizures are a series of myoclonic contractions that regularly recur at a rate of 0.2–5/s.
- e. Tonic-clonic seizures. Generalized tonic-clonic seizures are characterized by an initial tonic posturing of all limbs. The sustained muscle contractions that determined the tonic phase then tend to slow, evolving into a clonic phase with contractions of progressively decreasing frequency until the contractions disappear completely. The muscles included in the tonic and clonic phase should be essentially the same. Focal motor seizures showing such a tonic-clonic evolution are infrequent.
- f. Versive seizures. Versive seizures are seizures during which the patient either has a conjugate eye movement to one side or moves the head, and occasionally the whole body, to one side. Only conjugate eye movements or lateral head and body movements that are *sustained and extreme* should be classified as versive seizure. The lateral movement of the eyes frequently consists of a combination of a smooth tonic lateral movement on which are superimposed small saccades that progressively move the eye out to an extreme position. On other occasions, a smooth lateral movement without any saccades may be observed. The version of body parts has a similar character, but the saccades are replaced by small clonic lateral movements of the head or body. During these lateral movements, the chin frequently moves not only laterally but also upward, resulting in an *unnatural* position of the eyes and head. Occasionally, the patient's body will also turn and may complete one or more 360° turns.

#### Complex motor seizures

The following three types of complex motor seizures can be distinguished. Again, "complex" herein refers to the complex characteristics of the movement and does not mean that the patient loses awareness during the seizure.

- a. Hypermotor seizures. Hypermotor seizures are seizures in which the main manifestations consist of complex movements involving the proximal segments of the limbs and trunk. This results in large movements that appear "violent" when they occur at high speeds. The "complex motor manifestations" imitate normal movements, but the movements are inappropriate for the situation and usually serve no purpose. Frequently, the movements

Luders et al., *Epilepsia* 1998



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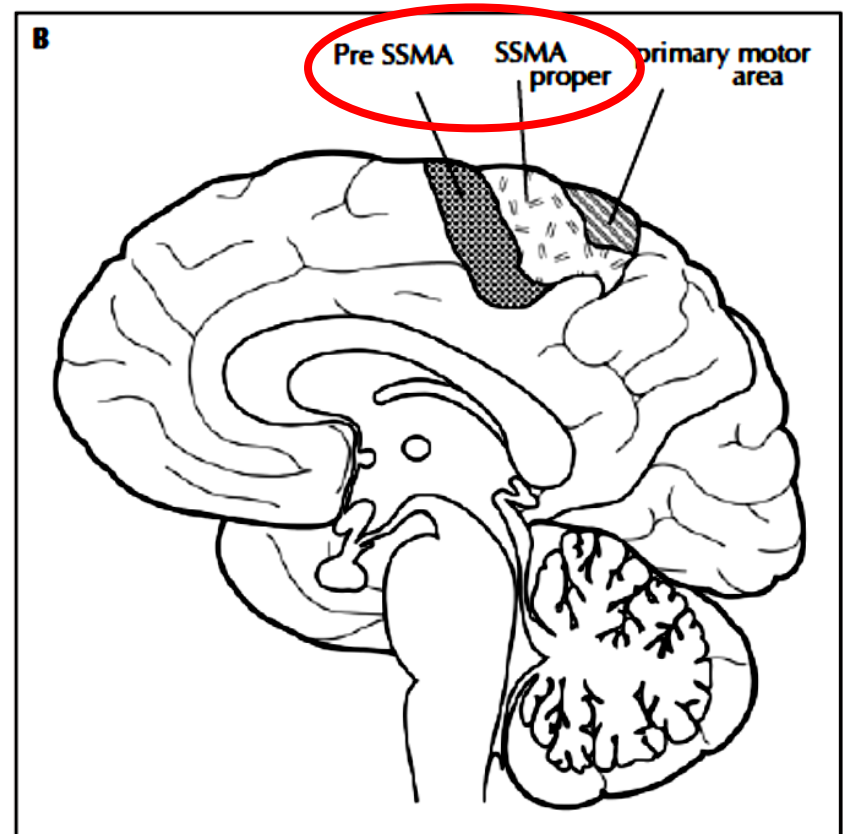
**Limiti anatomici:** parte posteriore del giro frontale superiore, lobulo paracentrale, area motoria primaria.

**Afferenze:** talamo, corteccia pre-motoria e post-centrale, area motoria primaria, proiezioni cortico-spinali (*SSMA proper*)

**Ruolo:** *SSMA proper*: proprietà esecutive motorie; *pre-SSMA*: iniziare

### **Stimolazione elettrica:**

- risposte motorie toniche, prossimali, ipsi/contro/bilaterali.
- risposte sensitive contro/bilaterali
- deviazioni oculari controlaterali
- Risposte negative (*pre-SSMA*)



# CRISI TONICHE POSTURALI

## AREA MOTORIA SUPPLEMENTARE

- **Clinicamente:** brevi (10-40 secondi), bilaterali, asimmetriche posture toniche con abduzione/elevazione degli arti, flessione degli arti superiori (gomiti), preservazione del contatto.
- **Quadro poligrafico-clinico:** 1) artefatti; 2) attività critica sul vertice e/o adiacente alla SMA; 3) attività tonica simmetrica o asimmetrica arti e tronco.

# CRISI TONICHE POSTURALI

## AREA MOTORIA SUPPLEMENTARE

### SEMEIOLOGIA TIPICA

Modificazione posturale asimmetrica delle estremità (1? 2? 4?) -> arresto del linguaggio a coscienza conservata -> abduzione in elevazione dell'arto superiore controlaterale e deviazione capo e occhi verso l'arto superiore coinvolto.

Manifestazioni soggettive e vocalizzazione meno frequenti.

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# Classification of paroxysmal events and the four-dimensional epilepsy

|                 |                       |  |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Motor seizures* | Simple motor seizure* | Clonic seizure*                                    |
|                 |                       | Epileptic spasm*                                   |
|                 |                       | Myoclonic seizure*                                 |
|                 |                       | Nystagmoid seizure*                                |
|                 |                       | Tonic seizure*                                     |
|                 |                       | Tonic-clonic seizure*                              |
|                 |                       | Versive seizure*                                   |
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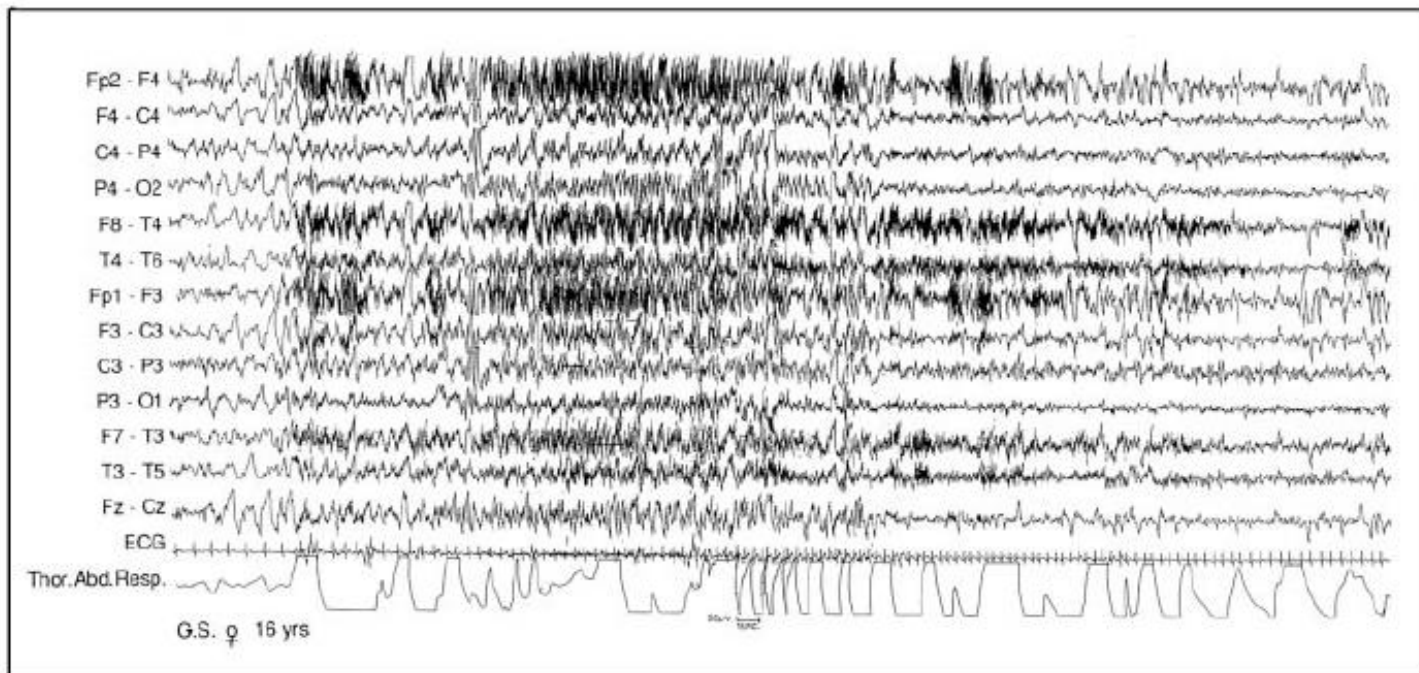
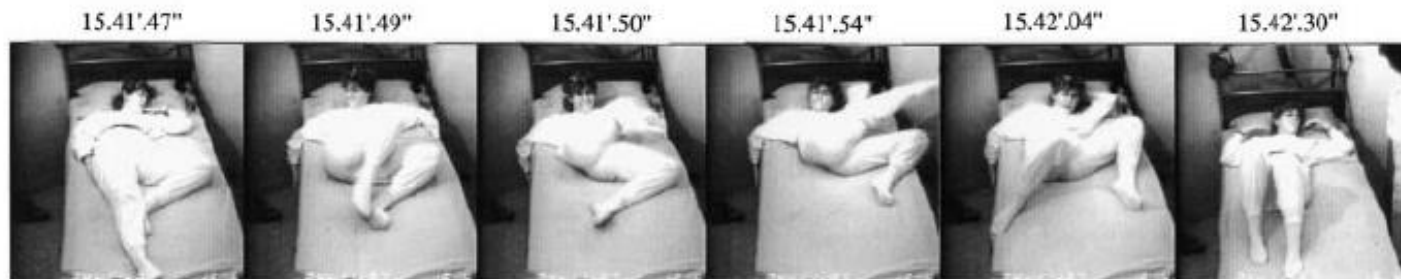
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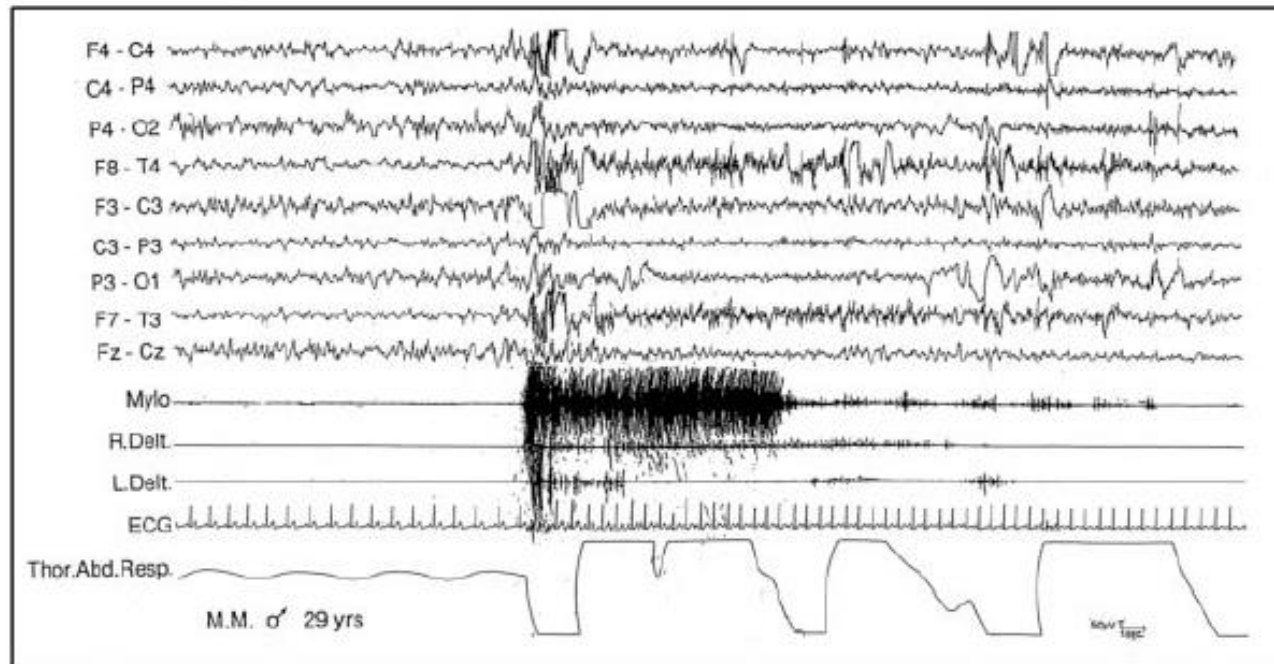
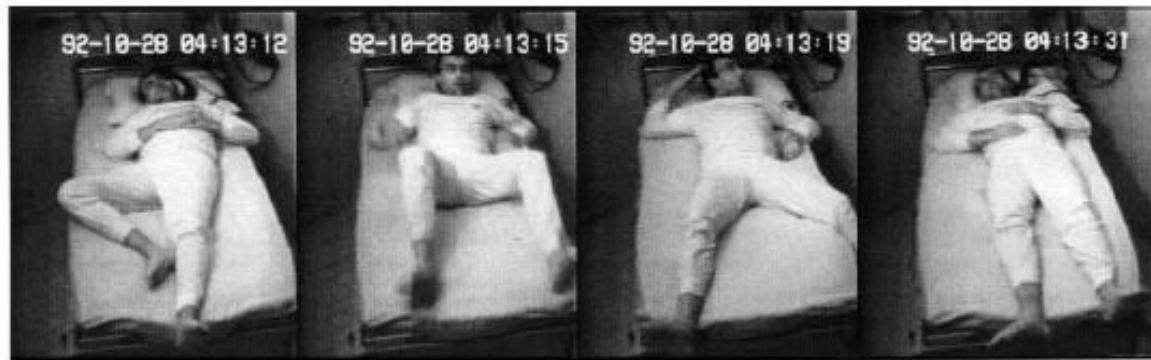
### Summary

Nocturnal frontal lobe epilepsy (NFLE) has been delineated as a distinct syndrome in the heterogeneous group of paroxysmal sleep-related disturbances. The variable duration and intensity of the seizures distinguish three non-rapid eye movement-related subtypes: paroxysmal arousals, characterized by brief and sudden recurrent motor paroxysmal behaviour; nocturnal paroxysmal dystonia, motor attacks with complex dystonic–dyskinetic features; and episodic nocturnal wanderings, stereotyped, agitated somnambulism. We review the clinical and polysomnographic data related to 100 consecutive cases of NFLE in order to define the clinical and neurophysiological characteristics of the different seizure types that constitute NFLE. NFLE seizures predominate in males (7 : 3). Age at onset of the nocturnal seizures varies, but centres during infancy and adolescence. A familial recurrence of the epileptic attacks is found in 25% of the cases, while 39% of the patients present a family history of nocturnal paroxysmal episodes

that fit the diagnostic criteria for parasomnias. A minority of cases (13%) have personal antecedents (such as birth anoxia, febrile convulsions) or brain CT or MRI abnormalities (14%). In many patients, ictal (44%) and interictal (51%) EEGs are uninformative. Marked autonomic activation is a common finding during the seizures. NFLE does not show a tendency to spontaneous remission. Carbamazepine completely abolishes the seizures in ~20% of the cases and gives remarkable relief (reduction of the seizures by at least 50%) in another 48%. VideoEEG recordings confirm that NFLE comprises a spectrum of distinct phenomena, different in intensity but representing a continuum of the same epileptic condition. We believe that the detailed clinical and videoEEG characterization of patients with NFLE represents the first step towards a better understanding of the pathogenic mechanisms and different clinical outcomes of the various seizure types that constitute the syndrome.

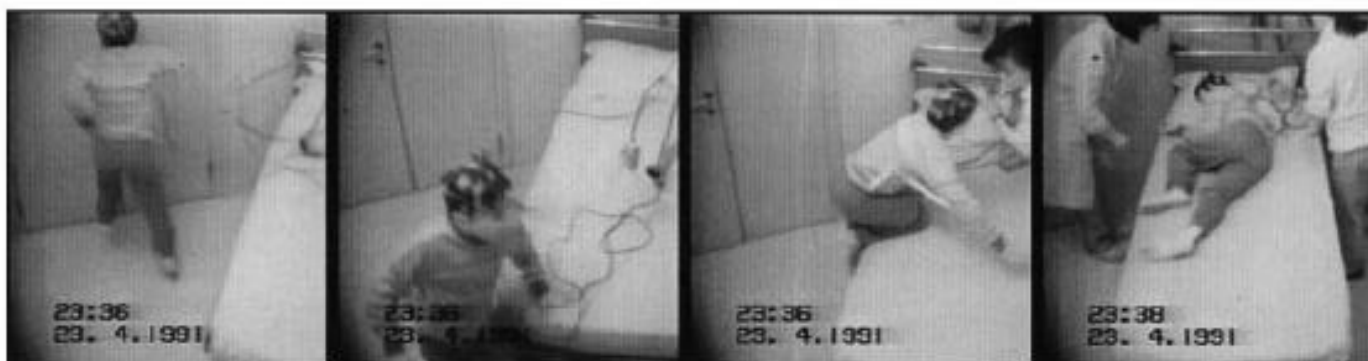


**Fig. 2** An NPD seizure. The patient violently rocks her legs, presents a dystonic posture of the arms and an asymmetric grimace. The seizure lasts 40 s. Polysomnograph: the seizure arises during slow wave sleep. A slow wave bouffée with superimposed fast rhythms appears over the right frontal region. Subsequently, a rhythmic fast activity spreads to the right central and parietal regions and to the left frontal regions. Tachycardia and irregular breathing are evident.



**Fig. 1** A typical PA seizure. An abrupt arousal during which the patient opens his eyes and raises his head, trunk and limbs with a fearful expression. The episode lasts 19 s. Polysomnograph: a K-complex precedes the seizure onset. Marked tachycardia and irregular breathing also occur.

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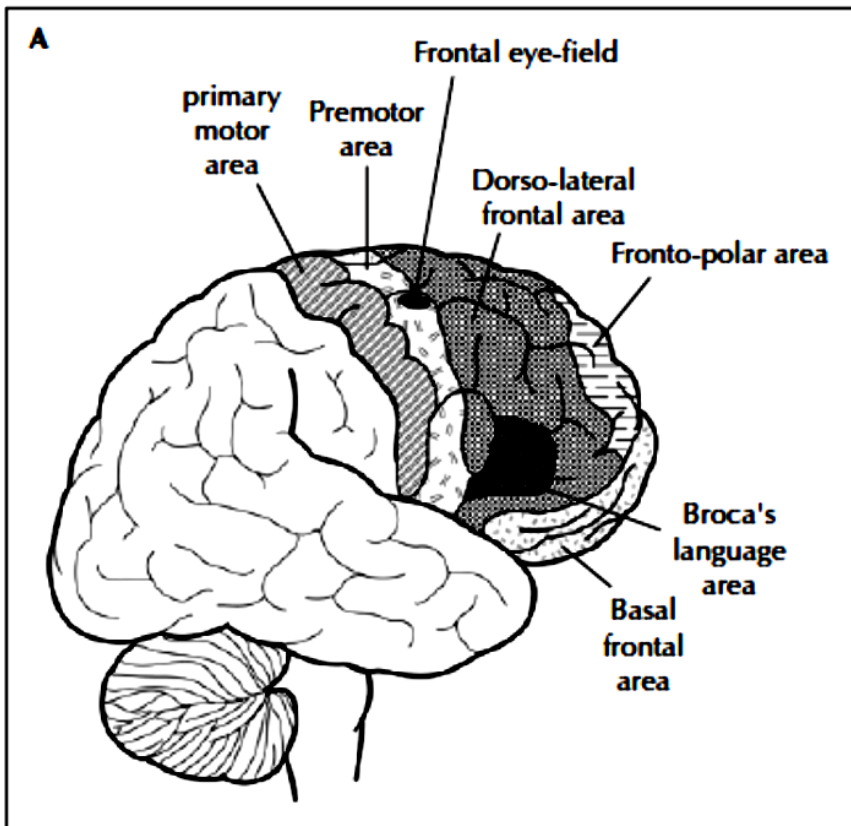
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# CRISI IPERMOTORIE

## Studi SEEG



- Cortex cingulate cortex (82%)
- Orbitofrontal cortex (45%)
- Frontal polar cortex (27%)
- Mesial premotor cortex (18%)

*(Rheims et al., 2008)*

- Dorsolateral frontal cortex

*(Tal et al, 2010)*



# CRISI IPERMOTORIE

## Zone Epilettogena

- Tonic or Dystonic Posturing → Posterior Mesial Frontal Cortex (frequent involvement of the supplementary motor area and the posterior mesial frontal cortex)  
(Nobili et al, 2007; Morris et al, 1988; Baumagartner et al., 1996; Kellinghaus et al., 2004; Rheims et al, 2008; Proserpio et, 2011)
- Hyperkinetic behavior → Dorsolateral Frontal Cortex, Anterior Frontal Cingulate Gyrus, Orbito-polar Region  
(Nobili et al, 2007; Rheims et al, 2008; Proserpio et, 2011)

# HYPERMOTOR OR HYPERKINETIC SEIZURES

## Extracerebral Brain Regions

- Anterior Superior portion of insula (Ryvlin et al., 2006)
- Parietotemporal region (Nishibayashi et al., 2009)
- Temporal lobe epilepsy (.....).

# CRISI IPERMOTORIE IN TLE

## SLEEP IN NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Epileptic Nocturnal Wanderings with a Temporal Lobe Origin: A Stereo-Electroencephalographic Study

*SLEEP, Vol. 25, No. 6, 2002*

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**Sleep-related hyperkinetic seizures: always a frontal onset?**

Neural networks underlying hyperkinetic seizures  
of “temporal lobe” origin

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Hypermotor seizures in patients with temporal  
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*Epilepsy Research (2008) 82, 93–98*

Temporal lobe origin is common in patients who have undergone epilepsy surgery for hypermotor seizures



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Epileptic motor behaviors during sleep: Anatomico-electro-clinical features

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## Hyperkinetic seizures in patients with temporal lobe epilepsy: Clinical features and outcome after temporal lobe resection

*Epilepsia*, 52(8):1439–1446, 2011

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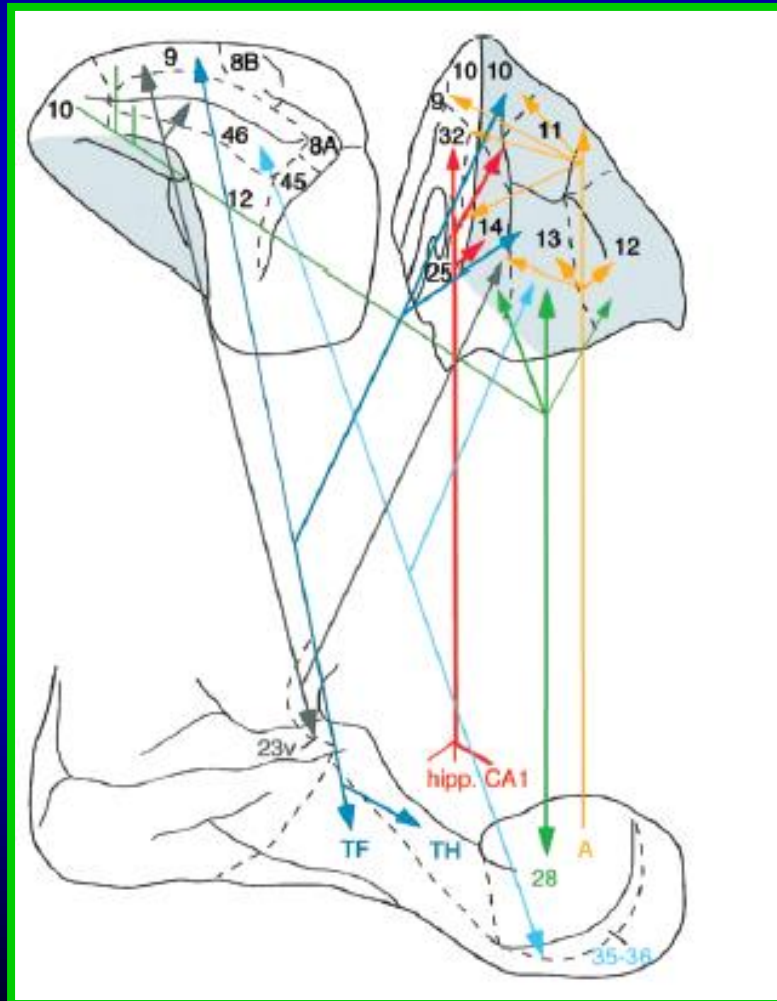
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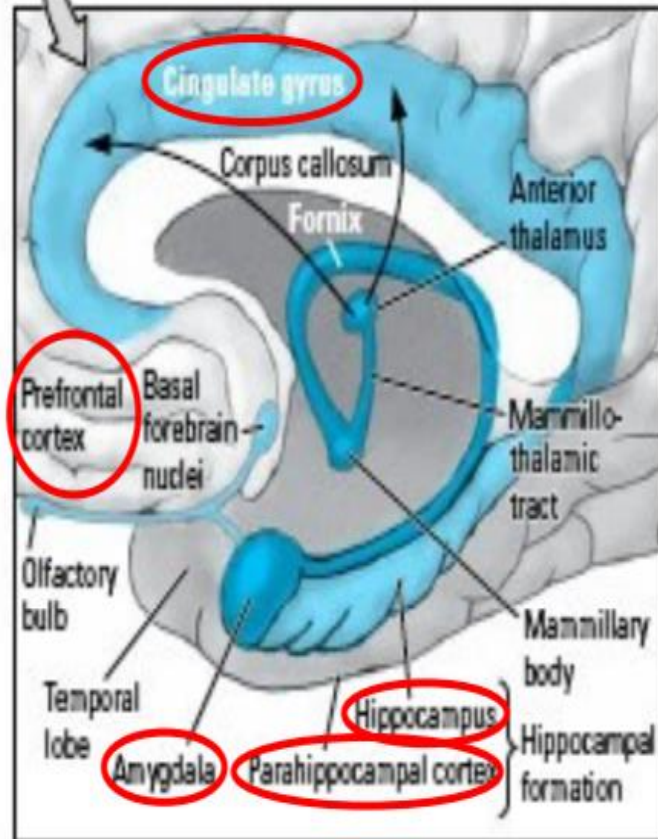
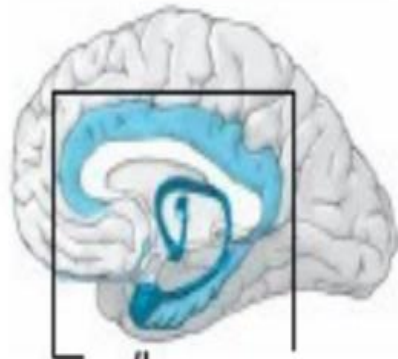
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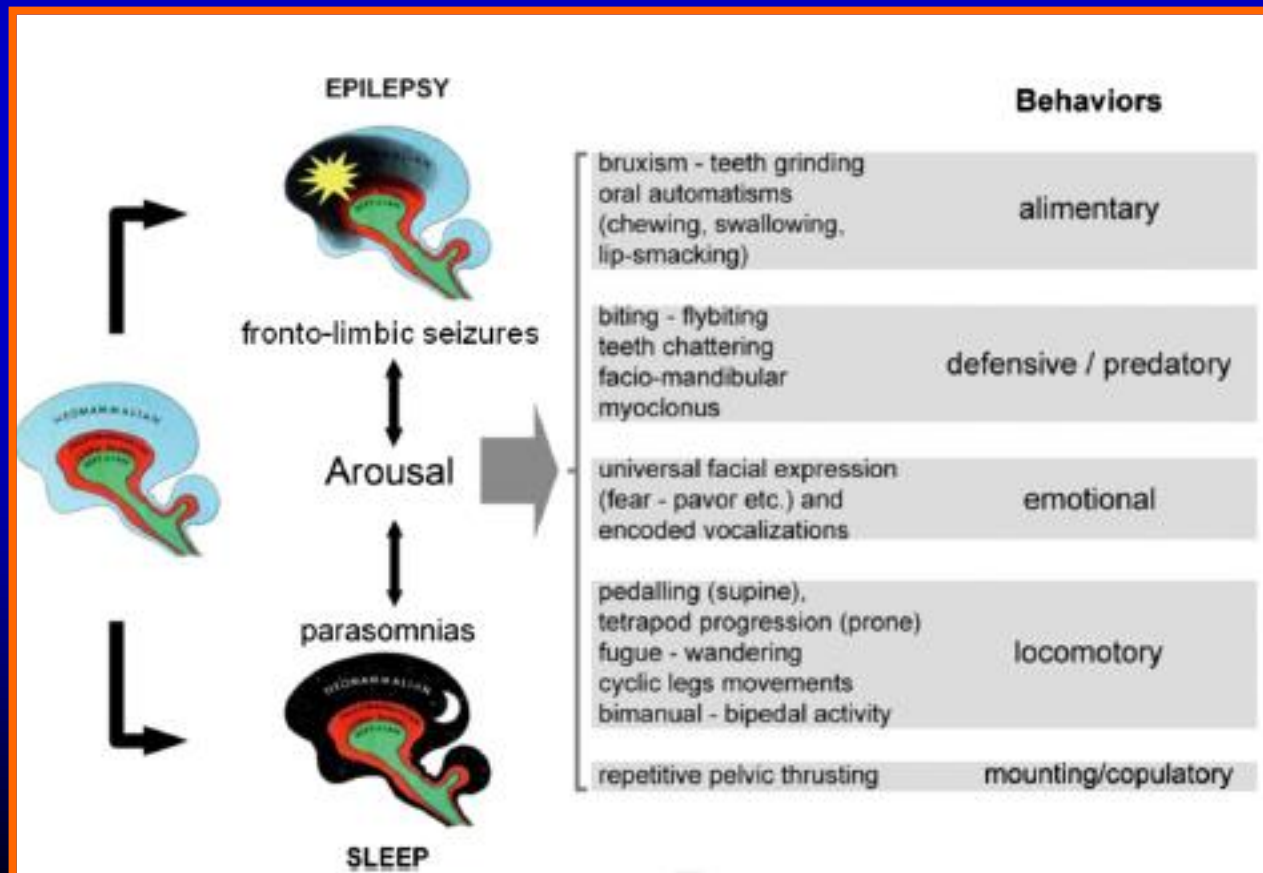
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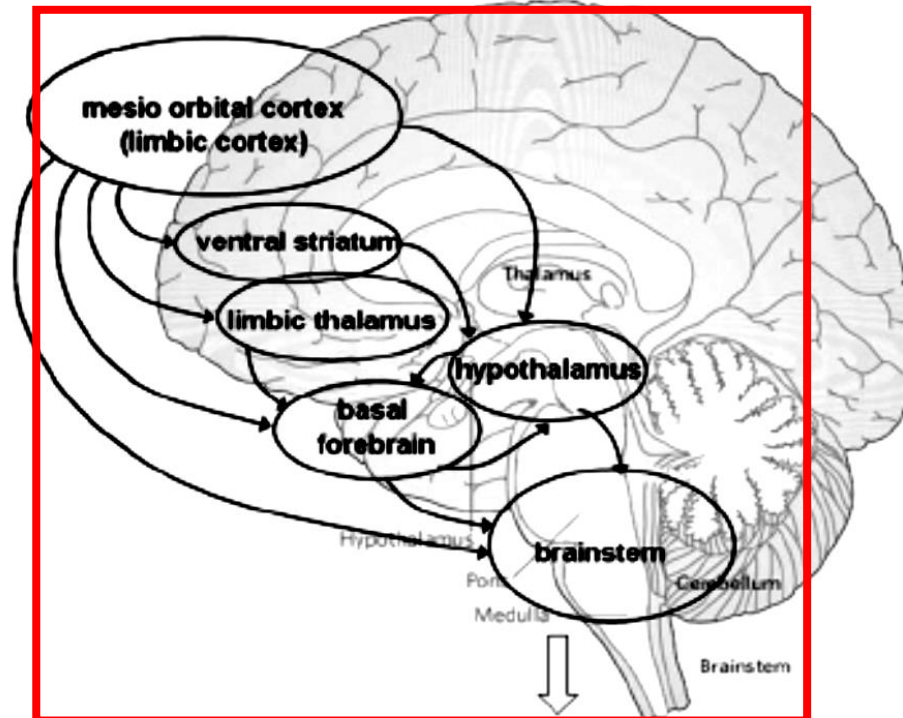
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Sleep Med Clin ■ (2012)



## LIMBIC LOOPS ACTIVATED BY PATHOLOGICAL AROUSALS



**CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS :**  
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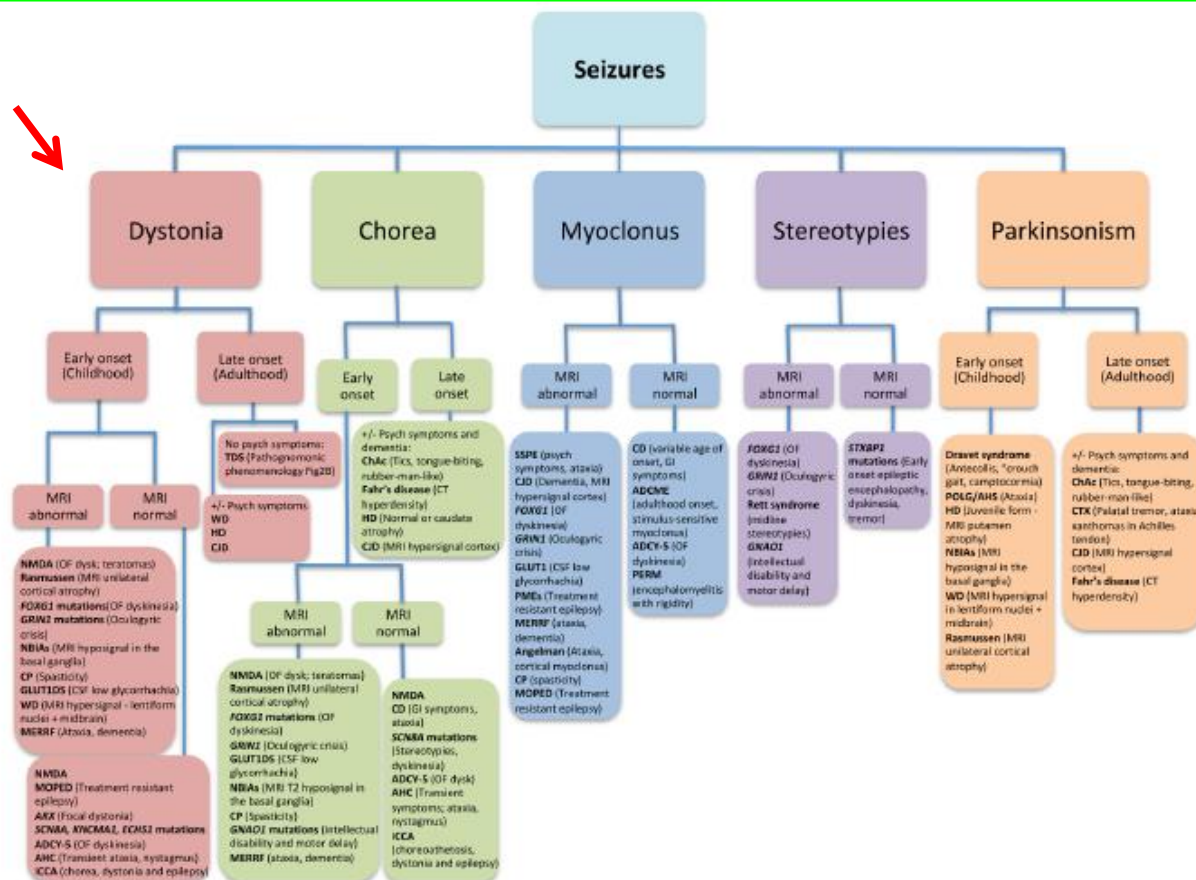
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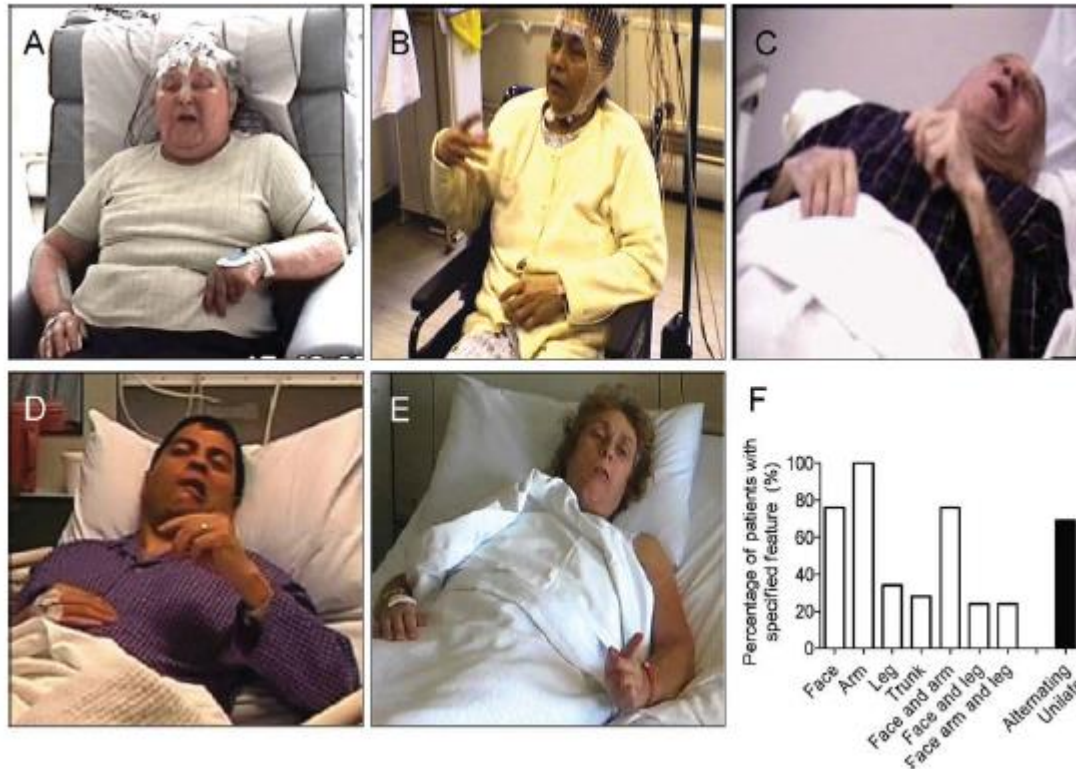
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# Anti-LGI1 encephalitis

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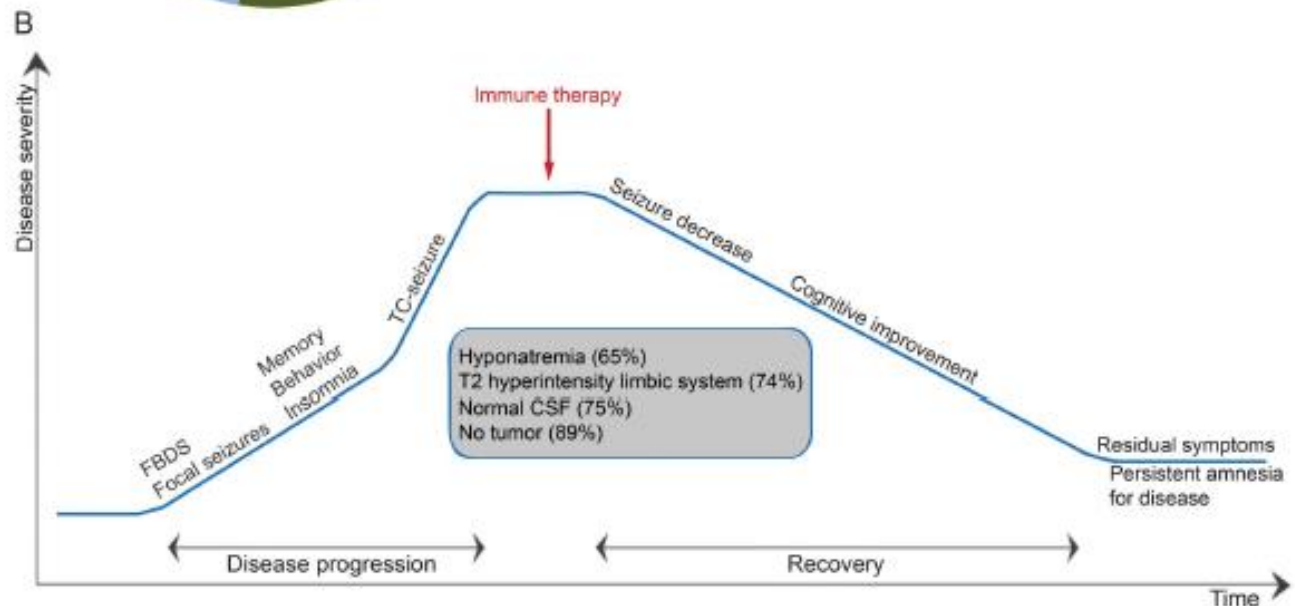
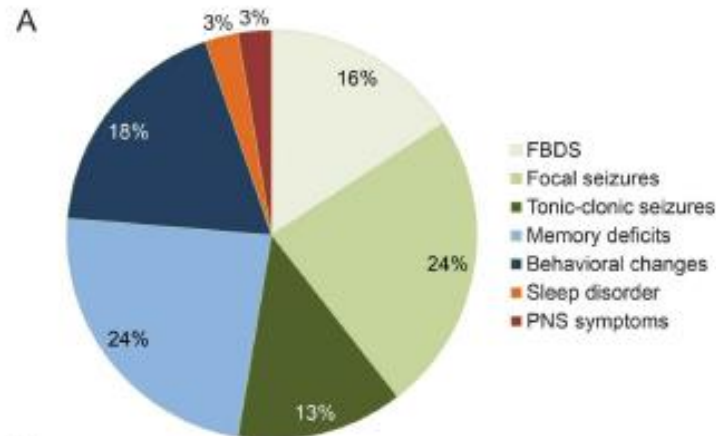
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## Faciobrachial Dystonic Attacks: Seizures or Movement Disorder?

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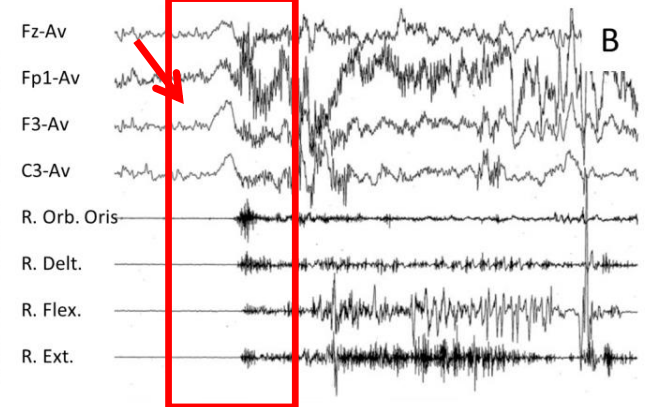
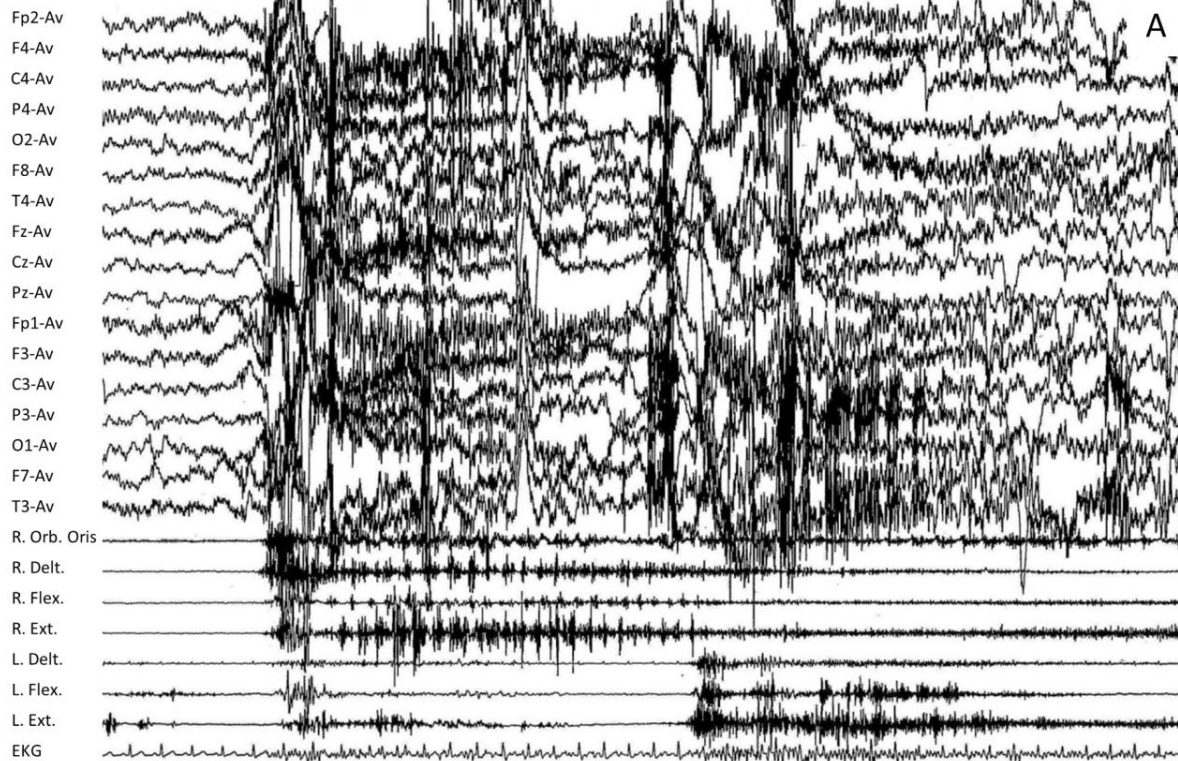
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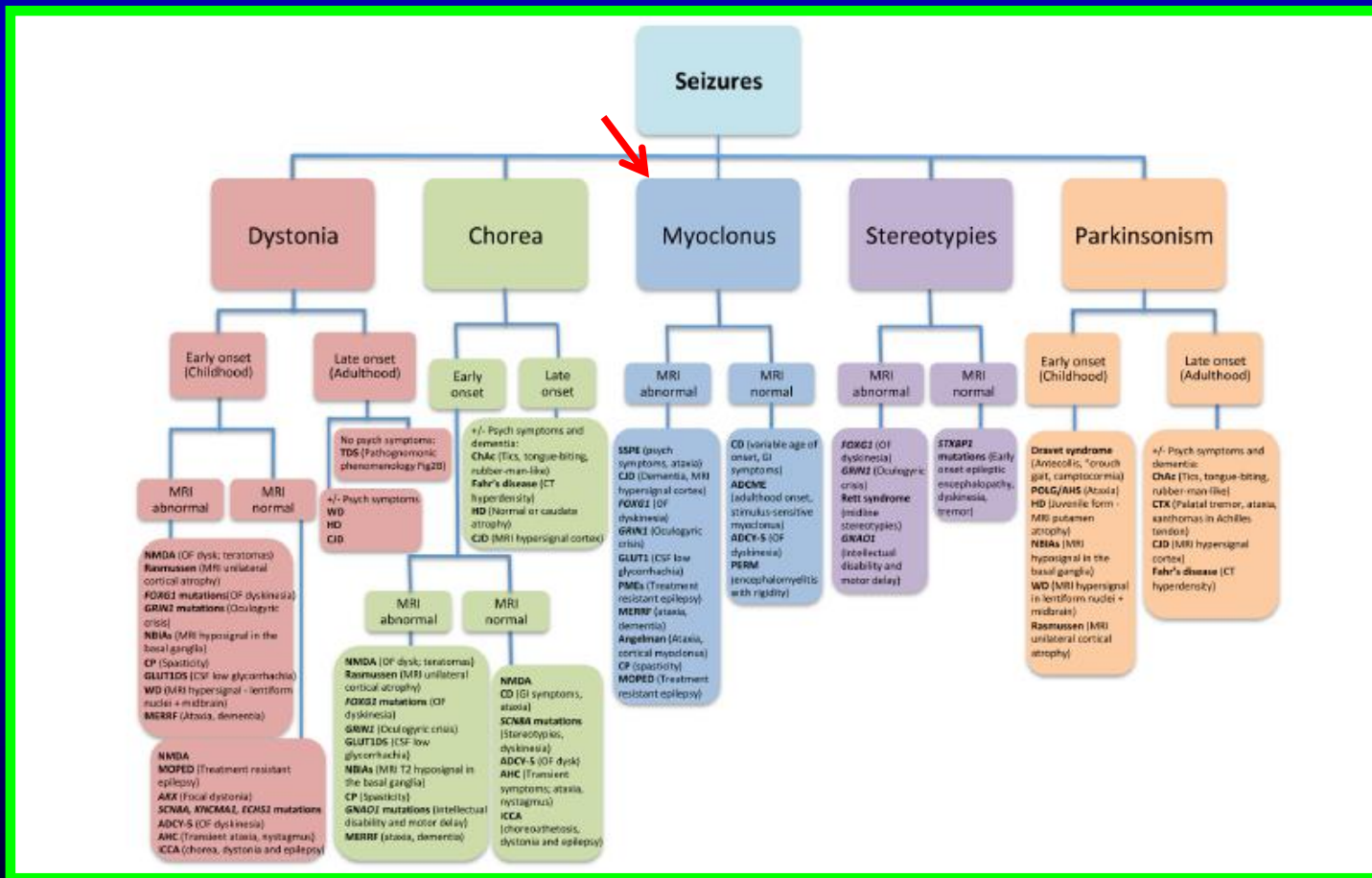
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# CLINICA

## EPILESSIA MIOCLONICA PROGRESSIVA

- Mioclono
- Crisi epilettiche
- Deterioramento neurologico progressivo

# CLASSIFICAZIONE

## EPILESSIA MIOCLONICA PROGRESSIVA

- Malattia di Unverricht-Lundborg
- Malattia di Lafora
- MERRF
- Ceroido lipofuscinosi neuronale
- Sialidosi

# Disturbo del Movimento

## Altre Crisi Epilettiche ed Epilessie

### Le Crisi e le Epilessie del Lobo Frontale

Manifestazioni Parossistiche NON Epilettiche

Psicogene

Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures

# Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures

- Ritardo di diagnosi di PNES di 7 anni (Reuber et al, Neurology 2002; 58: 493-495)
- 80% di pazienti con conferma diagnostica attraverso Video-EEG assumevano almeno un farmaco anti-epilettico al momento della diagnosi di PNES (Benbadis, Eur Neurol 1999; 41:114-115)
- Circa 25% dei pazienti inviati ad un monitoraggio Video-EEG per epilessia farmacoresistente hanno PNES (Smith et al, QJM 1999; 92:15-23)
- Prima di una diagnosi di PNES, costi sanitari di ~20,995 euro (Magee et al, Epilepsy Behav 2014; 33: 45-48)



# Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures

## Presentazione - Andamento clinico

- **Durata media:** PNES (<1-150 min) > ES ( $\leq$  2 min)

Sensibilità 67%, Specificità 48%

- **Esordio:** Graduale

- **Decorso:** fluttuante (waxing-waning) →

Sensibilità 69%, Specificità 96%

# Epileptic Seizures

## FENOMENI ACUSTICI

### - Crisi Focali

- Vocalizzazioni
- Aumentata intensità all'inizio della vocalizzazione nelle crisi «frontali»

### - Crisi Tónico-Cloniche Generalizzate

- Urlo, Suono Laringeo (Sensibilità 85%, Specificità 100%).
- Respiro Stertoroso (Sensibilità 22-93%, Specificità 50-100%).

# Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures

## FENOMENI ACUSTICI

- 3,7-8,9% PNES
- Pianti (Sensibilità 5-32%, Specificità 91-100%), gemiti, tosse, urla prolungate...
- Andamento fluttuante.
- Persistenza, aumento in intensità.

Chen et al, Curr Neurol Neurosci Rep 17: 71, 2017

A.Avbersek and S.Sisodiya , JNNP, 2010; 81: 719-725

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## PNES - TRAPPOLE DIAGNOSTICHE

- PNES misdiagnosticate come ES in soggetti portatori di patologie cerebrali organiche
- PNES in presenza di lesioni cerebrali "potenzialmente epilettogene" (ad es. TLMS)
- PNES + ES
- ES misdiagnosticate come PNES....



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Fenomeni Motori Parossistici... Video-EEG!