

Ticket to Enter: Degenerative Disorders Fact Sheet

Briefly define it, state the cause if known, name a few classic S/S you may see in a patient:

1. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis-

A nervous system disease that weakens muscles and impacts physical function.
Autoimmune response

Muscle weakness, loss of muscle, problems with coordination, stiff muscles, muscle spasms, fatigue or feeling faint, difficulty swallowing, SOB, weight loss

2. Huntington's Disease

Inherited condition in which the nerve cells in the brain break down

Abnormality walking, lack of concentration, delirium, depression, hallucinations.

3. Multiple Sclerosis-

A disease in which the immune system eats away at the protective covering of the nerves.

Caused by autoimmune

Cramping, difficulty walking, inability to rapidly change motion, fatigue, dizziness.

3. Myasthenia Gravis-

A weakness and rapid fatigue of muscles under voluntary control.

Muscle weakness, weakness of arms and legs, drooping of the eyelid, difficulty speaking, difficulty swallowing.

Respiratory infection, stress, surgery

5. Parkinson's Disease

A disorder of the CNS that affects movement including tremors

Caused by a loss of nerve cells in the part of the brain called substantia nigra.

Tremors, slow movement in one hand, loss of balance, stiffness.