Diagnostic flowcharts for Paroxysmal Disorder

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- Dystonia, Paroxysmal Disorder and Neurodegeneration with Brain Ion Accumulation
- Frontotemporal Dementia
- Huntingtons’ Disease and other Choraeas
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The European Reference Network for Rare Neurological Diseases developed the Diagnostic Flowcharts for Paroxysmal Disorders to help guide the diagnosis of Paroxysmal Disorder patients. The Reference Network recommends the use of this Diagnostic Flowchart.
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METHODOLOGY

The development of the Diagnostic Flowcharts for Dystonia was done by the Disease group for Dystonia, Paroxysmal Disorder and NBIA of ERN-RND.

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- Development of flowcharts – June – November 2017
- Discussion/Revision in ERN-RND disease group– November 2017 – June 2018
- Consent on diagnostic flowcharts during ERN-RND annual meeting 2018 – 08/06/2018
- Consent on document by whole disease group – 26/09/2018
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**Abbreviations:**

PKD: Paroxysmal kinesigenic dyskinesias

PED: paroxysmal exercise-induced dyskinesia

PNKD/PDC: paroxysmal dystonic choreoathetosis/non-kinesigenic dyskinesia
Variety of Causes (Lance 1977, Demirkirin Jankovic 1995, Fahn and Bressman 1988)

- Multiple sclerosis (tonic spasm, other)
- Stroke
- Metabolic disorders
  - Thyroid/Parathyroid
- Basal ganglia lesions
  - Trauma
  - Infections/HIV
- Psychogenic

Complex genetic paroxysmal dyskinesias (usually with inter-ictal signs)

- ECHS1 gene mutations – PED plus other features (Olgiati et al 2016)
- ADCY5 gene mutations – nocturnal (Mencacci et al 2015)
- ATP1A3 gene mutations – painful tonic spasms
- SLC16A2 – shivering tremor like episodes
- KCNMA1 – complex PNKD with epilepsy