

Decorticate And Decerebrate Posturing

Three types of abnormal posturing are decorticate posturing, with the arms flexed over the chest; decerebrate posturing, with the arms extended at the... 50bcceba66

Coma People in a coma often require extensive medical care to maintain their health and prevent complications such as pneumonia or blood clots. Decorticate posturing is a stereotypical posturing in which the patient has arms flexed at the elbow, and arms A coma (from Ancient Greek κῶμα kōma 'deep sleep') is a prolonged state of deep unconsciousness in which a person cannot be awakened, fails to respond normally to stimuli (including pain, light, and sound), lacks a normal sleep-wake cycle and does not initiate voluntary actions. The person may experience respiratory and circulatory problems due to the body's inability to maintain normal bodily functions. Coma patients exhibit a complete absence of wakefulness and are unable to consciously feel, speak or move. Comas can be the result of natural causes, or can be medically induced; for example, during general anesthesia. stereotypical postures seen in comatose

patients 50bcceba66

The Glasgow Coma Scale is used for people above the age of two and is composed of three tests: eye, verbal, and motor responses. The scores for each of these tests are indicated in the... 50bcceba66 == Types == 50bcceba66 In patients who are intubated, unconscious, or preverbal, the motor response is considered the most important component of the scale. 50bcceba66

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Abnormal posturing The posturing may also occur without a stimulus. Since posturing is an important indicator of the amount of damage that has occurred to the brain, it is used by medical professionals to measure the severity of a coma with the Glasgow Coma Scale (for adults) and the Pediatric Glasgow Coma Scale (for infants). It occurs when one set of muscles becomes incapacitated while the opposing set is not, and an external stimulus such as pain causes the working set of muscles to contract. types of posturing. Three types of abnormal posturing are decorticate posturing, with the arms flexed over the

chest; decerebrate posturing, with the Abnormal posturing is an involuntary flexion or extension of the arms and legs, indicating severe brain injury
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Glasgow Coma Scale , speech), and motor response (e. purposeful body movements). A GCS score can range from the lowest possible score of 3, in which a patient is completely unresponsive and is associated with a state of coma, to the best score possible of 15, in which a patient is fully alert and interactive. An initial score is used to guide immediate medical care after traumatic brain injury (such as a car accident) and a post-treatment score can monitor hospitalised patients and track their recovery. The GCS score takes into consideration three components: eye movements, verbal response (e. One way to remember the difference is by remembering, deCOREticate The Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) is a clinical diagnostic tool widely used since the 1970s to assess a patient's level of consciousness. g. While initially primarily utilized in patients with traumatic brain injuries, its utilization has extended to assess the level of consciousness in a wide range of settings, illnesses, and injuries. people have difficulty remembering the difference between decorticate and decerebrate posturing. g 50bcceba66

Clinically, a coma can be defined as the consistent inability to follow a one-step command. For a patient to maintain consciousness, the components of

wakefulness and awareness must be maintained. Wakefulness is a quantitative assessment of the degree of consciousness, whereas awareness is a qualitative assessment of the functions mediated by the cerebral cortex, including cognitive abilities such as attention, sensory perception... 50bcceba66 In general, a neurological examination is focused on finding out whether there are lesions in the central and peripheral nervous systems or there is another diffuse process that is troubling the patient. Once the patient has been thoroughly tested, it is then the role of the physician to determine whether these findings combine to form a recognizable medical syndrome or neurological disorder such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone... 50bcceba66 The reticular formation is functionally divided into the ascending reticular activating system (ARAS), ascending pathways to the cerebral cortex, and the descending reticular system, descending pathways (reticulospinal tracts) to the spinal cord. Due to its extent along the brainstem it may be divided into different areas such as the midbrain reticular formation, the central mesencephalic reticular formation, the pontine reticular formation, the paramedian pontine reticular formation, the dorsolateral pontine reticular formation, and the medullary reticular formation. 50bcceba66

Paediatric Glasgow Coma Scale As with the GCS, the PGCS comprises three tests: eye, verbal and motor responses. The pediatric GCS is commonly used in

emergency medical services. The lowest possible PGCS (the sum) is 3 (deep coma or death) whilst the highest is 15 (fully awake and aware person). The three values separately as well as their sum are considered. The three values separately as well as their sum are considered The Paediatric Glasgow Coma Scale (British English) or the Pediatric Glasgow Coma Score (American English) or simply PGCS is the equivalent of the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) used to assess the level of consciousness of child patients. form the PGCS. As many of the assessments for an adult patient would not be appropriate for infants, the Glasgow Coma Scale was modified slightly to form the PGCS. As with the GCS, the PGCS comprises three tests: eye, verbal and motor responses 50bcceba66

Neurons of the ARAS basically act as an on/off switch to the cerebral cortex and hence play a crucial role in regulating... 50bcceba66 The presence of abnormal posturing indicates a severe medical emergency requiring immediate medical attention. Decerebrate and decorticate posturing are strongly associated with poor outcome in a variety of conditions. For example, near-drowning patients who display decerebrate or decorticate posturing have worse outcomes than those who do not. Changes in the condition of the patient may cause alternation between different types of posturing. 50bcceba66 The cause of Reye syndrome is unknown. It usually begins shortly after recovery from a viral infection, such as influenza or

chickenpox. About 90% of cases in children are associated with aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) use. Inborn errors of metabolism are also a risk factor. The syndrome is associated with changes on blood tests such as a high blood ammonia level, low blood sugar level, and prolonged prothrombin time. Often, the liver is enlarged in those who have the syndrome.

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Reye syndrome Continuation of Stage I and II symptoms Possible coma Possible cerebral edema Possible seizures Rarely, respiratory arrest Decorticate posturing Stage IV Seizures Reye's syndrome is a rapidly worsening brain disease. Signs and symptoms of Reye syndrome may include vomiting, personality changes, confusion, seizures, and loss of consciousness. Death occurs in 20–40% of those affected with Reye syndrome, and about a third of those who survive are left with a significant degree of brain damage. While liver toxicity typically occurs in the syndrome, jaundice usually does not

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The total GCS score is not recommended to be used by itself to predict patient outcomes.

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Neurological examination If a problem is found either in an investigative or screening process, then further tests can be carried out to focus on a particular aspect of the nervous system (such as lumbar punctures and blood tests). This typically includes a physical

examination and a neurological examination is the assessment of sensory neuron and motor responses, especially reflexes, to determine whether the nervous system is impaired. neuron and motor responses, especially reflexes, to determine whether the nervous system is impaired. It can be used both as a screening tool and as an investigative tool, the former of which when examining the patient when there is no expected neurological deficit and the latter of which when examining a patient where you do expect to find abnormalities. This typically includes a physical examination and a review of the patient's medical history, but not deeper investigation such as neuroimaging 50bcceba66

Prevention is typically achieved by avoiding aspirin in children. When aspirin was withdrawn for use in children in the US and UK in the 1980s, a decrease of more than 90% in rates of Reye syndrome was observed. Early diagnosis of the syndrome improves outcomes. Treatment is supportive; mannitol may be... 50bcceba66 == Scoring == 50bcceba66

Reticular formation Michael-Titus et al (2010b), Box 9. It may be seen as being made up of all the interspersed cells in the brainstem between the more compact and named structures. 954.
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The reticular formation is a set of interconnected nuclei in the brainstem that spans from the lower end

of the medulla oblongata to the upper end of the midbrain. The reticular formation is made up of a diffuse net-like formation of reticular nuclei which is not well-defined. Brain Stem and Cerebellum Integrate Sensory Signals for Posture, p. The neurons of the reticular formation make up a complex set of neural networks in the core of the brainstem 50bcceba66

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