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Breaking Down Bradykinesia

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Redefining Bradykinesia

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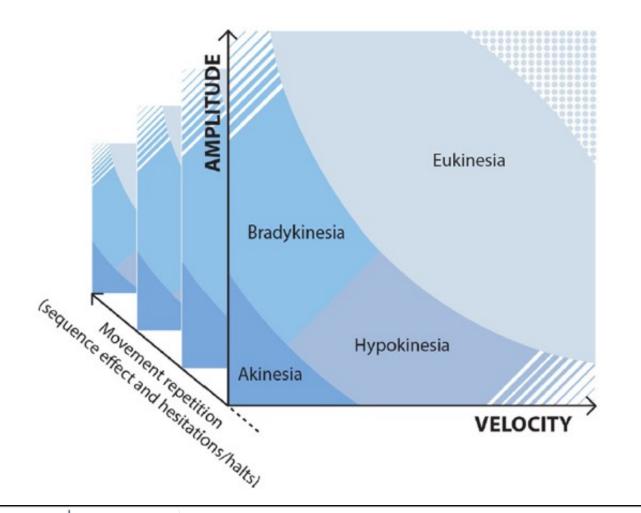
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Bradykinesia complex

Feature	Definition	Types of movements being affected	Feature	Definition	Types of movements being affected
Bradykinesia	Reduced velocity of movements	Single or repetitive, alternating and continuous movements (limbs	Hesitations/ halts	Irregularities in movement timing	Repetitive, alternating, and continuous movements (limbs)
		and body axis)	Akinesia	Inability to perform a movement	Single, repetitive, alternating, and continuous movements (limbs and body axis)
Hypokinesia	Reduced amplitude of movements	f Single or repetitive, alternating and continuous movements (limbs and body axis)			
			Oligokinesia	Reduction/lack of spontaneous/ automatic movements	Spontaneous blinking, spontaneous facial expressions, pendular movements of the upper limbs during walking
Sequence effect	Progressive reduction in amplitude and/or velocity	Repetitive, alternating, and continuous movements (limbs)			







Is this bradykinesia?



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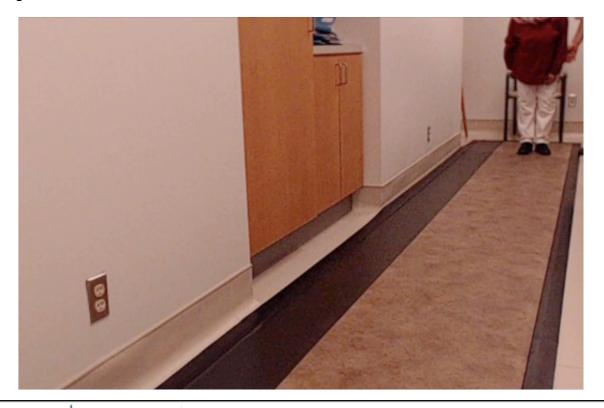
Sequence effect



Freezing of gait

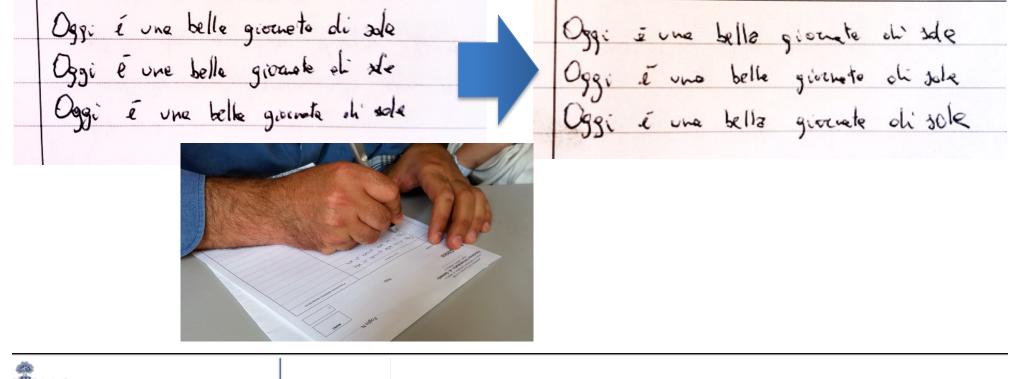


Sequence effect without halt



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Micrographia



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Spontaneous movements: example of arm swinging

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Same person 10 years after STN DBS



