

Functional Movement Disorder and its Management

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Functional movement disorders (FMD), commonly observed in neurological practice, are associated with poor prognosis. Interest in this area has increased in recent years with new developments in pathophysiological understanding and therapeutic management. The prognosis for FMD patients can be improved by improving access to well-organized care and treatment.

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psychologist”) overlooks this complexity. A sensitive and open-minded investigation of the psychological factors that may confer susceptibility to the development and maintenance of symptoms in FMD is useful and should be part of an individualized approach to explaining diagnosis and treatment. This investigation likely fails to find relevant factors, or factors that conferred susceptibility but are not currently active, and diagnostic and treatment descriptions need flexibility to accommodate these common situations [9].

A major question of attitude towards patients with FMD is suspicion as to whether symptoms can be triggered voluntarily and intentionally. It has features associated with movement. If patients are generally truthful, one explanation might be that the systems that provide a sense of agency about movement are impaired in FMD patients. There are other situations in neurology and psychiatry in which apparently spontaneous movements are not experienced. For example, alien limbs, disordered hand syndrome, and paranoid control in schizophrenia. A disturbed functioning of the system that

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