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ULTRASOUND OF MUSCLE AND NERVE

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INTRODUCTION

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SONOGRAPHIC ANATOMY OF THE PERIPHERAL NERVE

CHARACTERISTIC OF DISEASED NERVE

NERVE COMPRESSION SYNDROMES

NERVE TUMORS

TRAUMATIC NERVE LESION

POLYNEUROPATHY

MUSCLES

SONOGRAPHIC GUIDED BOTULINUM TOXINE THERAPY

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16:15-16:45 *Coffee Break*

Mononeuropathies

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Assessment of Mononeuropathies...

- Cause of nerve lesion
- Severity of nerve lesion
- Time elapsed since nerve lesion

Causes of Mononeuropathies

- **Entrapment syndromes**
- **Compression** by position, bandage, hematoma
- **Stretch injuries** plexus lesions, hip replacement
- **Penetrating wounds** incision, injection, gun shot
- **Cold injury** trench foot, phrenic nerve in heart surgery
- **Mononeuritis multiplex** diabetes, vasculitis

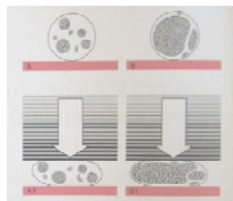
Entrapment – Pathophysiology



= chronic compression – mechanical and ischemia

- Narrow anatomic pathways
- Other factors restricting - metabolic, endocrine, traumatic, amyloidosis
- Factors influencing vulnerability of nerves – diabetes mellitus, hereditary pressure palsy, GBS
- Intraneural anatomy

Pathophysiology – Vulnerability



Vulnerability depends on size of fascicles and epineural tissue

Outermost fibers are more vulnerable

Myelinated fibers are more vulnerable

Mummenthaler, Stöhr, Müller-Vahl 2007

Pathophysiology - Entrapment

time

Thinning of nerve at compression site

Swelling of nerve proximal of compression site

Deformation of myelin

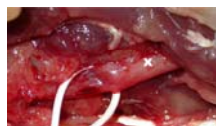
Paranodal demyelination

Invading of fibroblasts

Fibrosation of epi- and endoneurium

Thickening of perineurium

Wallerian degeneration



Pressure in carpal tunnel:

healthy ind.	2.5 mm Hg
CTS	30 mm Hg
Extension – flexion	100 mm Hg

CTS - Symptomes and Signs

- Dysaesthesia in fingers and pain in the hand spreading to shoulder during night and in fixed position (car driving, phoning)

•Stage I - mild

—Intermittent symptoms, no deficits, provocative tests positive Tinel- or Phalen sign (sensitivity 75%, specificity 47%)



- Relief by shaking

- Worsened by using hands (knitting, hammering)

•Stage II – moderate

—Permanent symptoms, hypesthesia at fingertips 1- 4, thumb opposition und abduction weak



- Clumsiness

•Stage III – advanced

Sensory loss at fingers, atrophy of thenar, anhidrosis



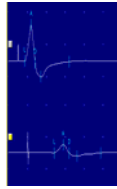
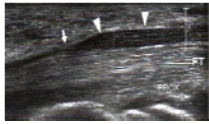
CTS – Diagnosis

- Clinically



- Electrophysiology

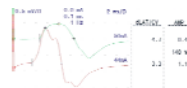
- Sonography



CTS – Nerve Conduction Studies

- Motor and sensory nerve conduction study of median nerve

- Comparison DML of M.Lumbrical I and M.Interosseus II



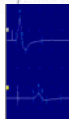
- Inching across wrist to M.Lumbrical I

- Fraktionate sensory neurography (8/16) (temperature !)



- Comparison of DML and sensory nerve conduction with ulnar nerve

- EMG in atrophy or suspected innervation anomaly



CTS – Diagnosis

- Sono**
- 1 Is the median nerve entrapped at the wrist?
 - 2 Are other nerves involved (another trunk, root, or plexus) which may explain the complaints, or which are free of symptoms?
 - 3 Where are the nerve lesions located?
 - 4 What is the mechanism of the nerve lesions (axonal or demyelinating)?
 - 5 Is the median nerve lesion at the wrist a single nerve lesion, or is it associated with a polyneuropathy, or is it part of a polyneuropathy and is the first symptom (such as in chronic idiopathic dysimmune polyneuropathy, Lewis and Sumner's syndrome, hereditary pressure palsy, amyloidosis, etc.)?
- Sono ?**
- 6 What is the severity of the nerve lesion?
 - 7 Is the nerve lesion acute or chronic?
- Sono ?**
- 8 Can the evaluation be precise enough to objectively evaluate the effect of treatment?

Seorot 2007 Eur J Radiol

CTS - Therapy

• Conservative

- Manual rest
- Nightly splinting
- Injection of methylpredisalone
- Oral prednisolone 20 mg oral over 2 weeks
- Ultrasonic therapy ??



• Operative

- With ongoing pain
- With functional impairment



CTS – Untreated

267 Patients
10-15 Months follow-up

Table 3. Untreated carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) severity: Percentage of CTS hands improved, worsened, or stationary at follow-up in the different neurophysiologic classes

CTS severity measurement	Neurophysiologic evolution	SYMPT evolution	FUNCT evolution
Negative (n = 12)			
Improvement	0	22	18
Stationary	17	67	73
Worsening	93	11	9
Mild (n = 25)			
Improvement	31	30	35
Stationary	28	31	56
Worsening	31	30	19
Mild (n = 88)			
Improvement	32	31	17
Stationary	53	48	62
Worsening	25	21	21
Moderate (n = 126)			
Improvement	39	31	30
Stationary	63	46	66
Worsening	8	21	14
Severe (n = 43)			
Improvement	46	40	38
Stationary	50	31	44
Worsening	4	11	18
Extreme (n = 3)			
Improvement	0	0	50
Stationary	100	100	50
Worsening	0	0	0

SYMPT = symptoms, patient-oriented assessed; FUNCT = hand functional status, patient-oriented assessed

Padua et al. 2001 Neurology

CTS - postoperative Phase

- Immediate ergotherapy
- Complications:
 - Laceration of the sensory ramus palmaris (painful neuromas)
 - Transection of the motoric ramus thenaris (denervation und atrophy of thenar)
 - Incomplete transection of the retinaculum flexorum
 - Scar rezidives
- Always comparison of NCS with preoperative data
- Even in successful decompression NCS may stay reduced

Ulnar Nerve

- Lesions at the elbow (87%)
- Lesions in the wrist and hand (12%)
- Others (1%)

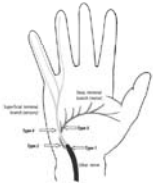
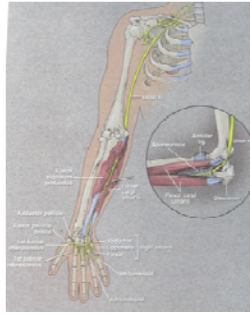
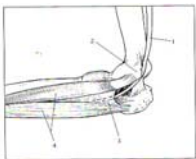


Fig. 1. Distribution of the ulnar nerve in the hand and wrist (adapted from [1]).
 1: Ulnar nerve
 2: Cubital tunnel
 3: Guyon's tunnel
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Mednell, Kissel, Comblath 2001

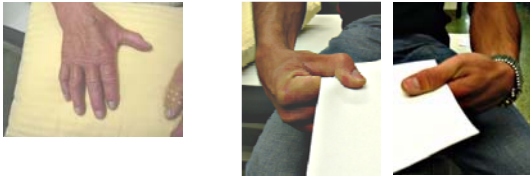
Ulnar Nerve Lesion at the Elbow



Sono better than MRI

- Causes:
 - Acute Lesion
 - Intraoperative
 - Bedrest
 - Trauma
 - Chronic Lesion
 - Cubital tunnel , aponeurosis of Flexor carpi ulnaris
 - Ulnaris - Luxation
 - Struther's Arcade
 - Scars after trauma
 - Bony deformities
 - Alcohol

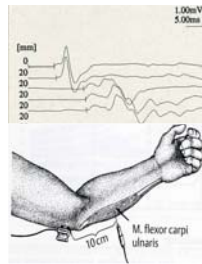
Ulnar Nerve Lesion at the Elbow - UNE



- Symptoms
 - Numbness and tingling at 5th digit, clumsiness at wringing, turning keys; pain at medial palm
- Signs
 - Atrophy of small hand muscles, "Claw hand"
 - Sensory deficit 4th, 5th digit and ulnar hand palmar and dorsal
 - Finger spreading, finger flipping, finger crossing, pinch grip are weak, Froment's sign

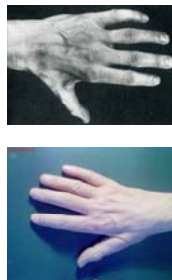
UNE – Conduction Studies

- Motor nerve conduction across the elbow, 135° flexed position, 10 cm between stimulation points
- „Inching“ across the elbow
- Latency to flexor carpi ulnaris with complete atrophy of hand muscles
 - DML more than 4,2 ms pathologic
- Sensory conduction study - amplitude of SNAP
- Sensory neurography of ramus dorsalis
- EMG of interosseus dors.I, abductor dig.V and flexor carpi ulnaris



UNE – Differential Diagnosis

- Lesion of lower plexus or medial trunk of brachial plexus
- C8 lesion, Th1 lesion
- **Loge de Guyon Syndrome**
- Ramus profundus lesion
- Syringomyelia
- ALS



Ulnar Nerve – Risk factors

GENDER, BODY MASS AND AGE AS RISK FACTORS FOR ULNAR MONONEUROPATHY AT THE ELBOW

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Male OR 6.9
Male - age
Female - BMI

	Bike type			
	Mountain (32 hands)		Road (32 hands)	
	N	%	N	%
Subjective sensory changes *	7	38.9	4	12.5



Richardson et al. 2001 Muscle Nerve
Patterson et al. 2003 Am J Sports Med

UNE - Therapie



Table 3 Outcome at follow-up in 46 conservatively and 28 surgically treated arms with UNE

Outcome	Conservative, n (%)	Surgical, n (%)	Total, n (%)
Remission	5 (11)	7 (25)	12 (16)
Improvement	11 (24)	10 (36)	21 (28)
Stable	18 (39)	7 (25)	25 (34)
Progression	12 (26)	4 (14)	16 (22)
<i>p</i> Value for trend	0.03		
Total	46 (100)	28 (100)	74 (100)

UNE = ulnar neuropathy at the elbow.

Sono – thicker nerve – worse outcome
EDX – CB and reduced NCS – better outcome

Beckman et al. 2004 Neurology

Loge de Guyon – Therapy?

- Conservative
 - Avoid pressure
 - Splinting
 - Steroids p.o.
- Surgical
 - Decompression ± Epineurotomy



Radial Nerve – Wrist Drop



Spiral groove „Saturday night palsy“

Radial Nerve – Supinator Muscle – Arcade of Frohse



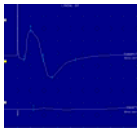
Posterior Intersosseous Neuropathy

- No sensory loss
- Finger drop
- DD: MMN, MND, C7 radiculopathy
- DD: tendon avulsion
- Trauma (Monteggia fraktur)
- Tumor (Lipoma)
- Entrapment
 - Arcade of Frohse
 - Overload (violinist, tennis, sculptor)



Mednell, Kissel, Cornblath 2001

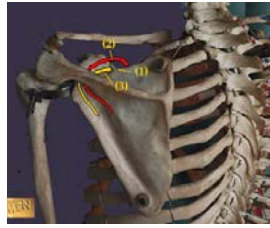
Radial Nerve - Supinator



Better: EMG!



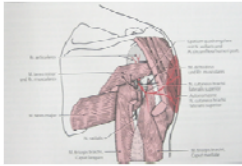
Suprascapular Nerve



Rare (volleyball, baseball, canoe, musicians)
Paresis, pain in the shoulder

Holzgraefe et al. 1988 Nervenarzt
Cummins 1999 Am J Sport Med
Knossalla et al. 2006 Arch Neurol

Axillar Nerve – Quadrilateral Space



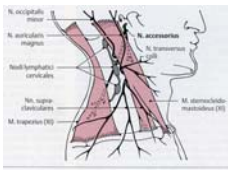
- Pain
- Paresis of abduction and external rotation
- Occlusion of circumflex artery
- Sport
- Physiotherapy
- Surgery

Cahill & Palmer 1983 J Hand Surg

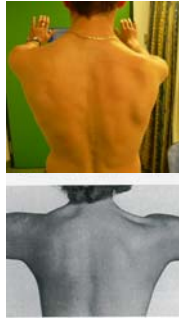


- Lesion of left accessory nerve**
- Shoulder pain
 - Dropping shoulder
 - Scapular winging
 - Weakness at forward elevation
 - Diagnosis often delayed

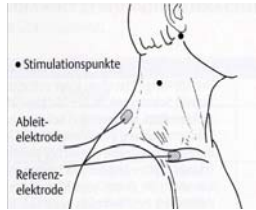
Accessory Nerve



Causes: lymph node biopsy, neck dissection, lipoma, trauma, radiotherapy



Accessory Nerve - Elektrophysiologie



- Stimulation of accessory nerve at lateral triangle in comparison to other side
- EMG trapezius muscle
- EMG deltoide muscle and anterior serratus muscle for differential diagnosis

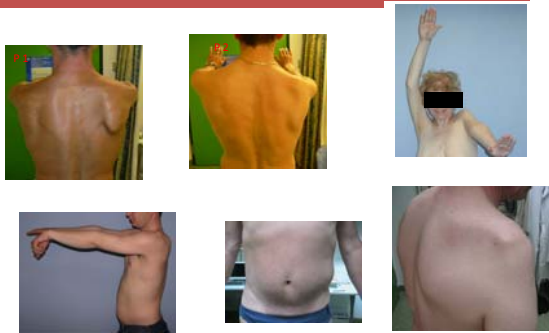
Accessory Nerve



Long Thoracic Nerve



Miscellaneous mononeuropathies

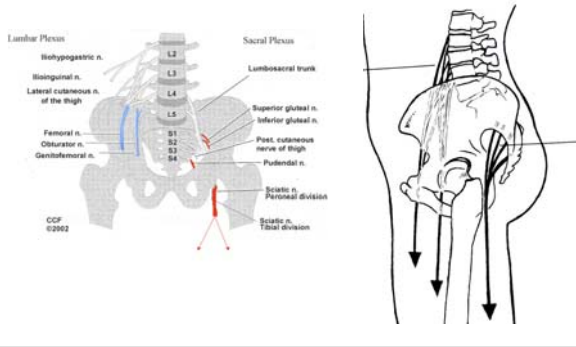




Entrapment Neuropathies of the Legs are rare

- Different anatomical site of the nerves
- Different utilization and exposure
- Statistically more radicular syndromes as differential diagnosis
- Axons are longer than in arms
 - More prone to metabolic disturbances
 - Regeneration time is longer

Anatomy: Lumbar and Sacral Plexus



Topical Diagnosis

- **Lumbar plexus**
- Weakness of hip flexors and knee extensors
- **Plus: adductor weakness**
- Sensory deficits **lateral** and medial thigh and medial calf
- **Femoral nerve**
- Weakness of hip flexors and knee extensors
- Sensory deficits medial thigh and medial calf

Topical Diagnosis

- **Sacral plexus**
- Weakness of hamstrings, calf and foot
- **Plus: Weakness of gluteal muscles**
- **Sciatic nerve**
- Weakness of hamstrings, calf and foot

Lumbal and Sacral Plexopathy

- Neoplastic:
 - Lumbal: 31%
 - Sacral: 51%
 - Lumbosacral: 18%
- Direct tumor extensions of colorectal carcinomas, lymphomas,
- Metastasis from prostate, bladder, uterus, cervical carcinomas
- Signs and symptoms: **pain!** Later motor weakness, mild sensory complaints, hot and dry foot
- DD Radiation therapy, leptomeningeal metastasis - less pain



Elektrophysiologic Criteria for Lesions of Lumbar and Sacral Plexus

- Missing or reduced SNAP of saphenous nerve, sural nerve or superficial peroneal nerve
- Denervation of gluteal muscles in EMG
- Lumbosacral paraspinal muscles unaffected

PITFALLS IN THE ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC STUDIES OF SACRAL PLEXOPATHIES

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Table 1. Electrophysiologic findings of 111 patients with suspected sacral nerve root lesions.

Lesion localization	Denervation (%)	Superficial peroneal SNAP				Sural SNAP			Reduced TA CMAP (%)	Reduced Det CMAP (%)	Absent H-reflex (%)
		Paraspinal muscles (%)	Gluteal muscles (%)	Asympt. ipsilaterally (%)	Asympt. bilaterally (%)	Asympt. ipsilaterally (%)	Asympt. bilaterally (%)	Normal/symmetric (%)			
Definite SP* (n = 60)	171	100	63	32	5	48	34	18	71	59	74
Sciatic vs. SP (n = 32)	30	71	84	9.0	6.0	66	10	19	41	50	66
Roots vs. SP (n = 22)	49	68	31	63	6	23	69	8	53	54	85
Roots vs. SP vs. SCOPC (n = 27)	38	76	63	38	7	30	48	10	48	62	69

SNAP, sensory nerve action potential; CMAP, compound muscle action potential; SP, sacral plexopathy; TA, tibialis anterior; Det, abductor hallucis; H-reflexes, 100% or 100% (n=1) positive H-reflexes only.

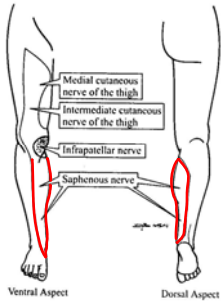
*Definite positive SNAP studies or very small amounts of normal potentials not considered to represent significant denervation.

Femoral Nerve



- Retroperitoneal hematoma or tumor
- Postoperative
 - abdominal surgery, TEP
- Electrophysiology
 - Amplitude and Latency
 - EMG

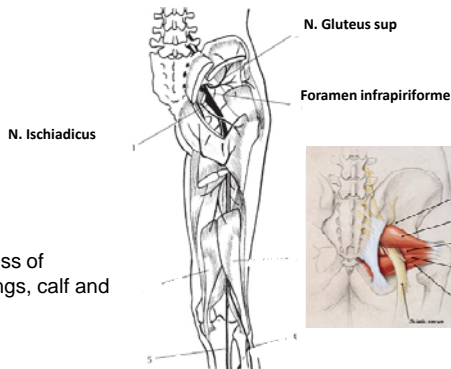
Saphenous Nerve



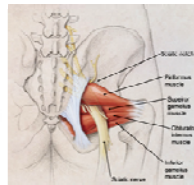
- Saphenous nerve lesions:**
- Bursitis of pes anserinus
 - Entrapment, medial side of knee
 - Entrapment by a branch of the femoral artery
 - Meniscectomy, arthroscopy
 - Neurolemmoma



Sciatic Nerve



Weakness of hamstrings, calf and foot



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Sciatic Nerve

Common causes:

Acute compression (coma, drug overdose, intensive care unit, prolonged sitting, falls, herniation)
 Gluteal contusion or rhabdomyolysis gluteal compartment syndrome
 Gunshot or knife wound
 Hip replacement, hip fracture or dislocation, or femur fracture
 Infarction (vasculitis, iliac artery occlusion, arterial bypass surgery)
 Intramuscular gluteal injection

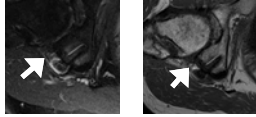
Less common causes:

Tumor: carcinoma, lipoma, lymphoma, neurofibroma, schwannoma, endometriosis
 AV malformations, ruptured aneurysm, false aneurysm of the aorta, child birth, infection, vasculitis, myositis ossificans

Piriformis syndrome:

Compression of the sciatic nerve at the pelvic outlet

Rare cause:
 screw after hip fracture



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Common Peroneal Nerve

Most common entrapment of the legs
 Foot drop with weakness in foot and toe dorsiflexion and ankle eversion

Sensory deficits first web space, dorsum of foot and lateral aspect of lower leg

Causes:

External compression during sleep, coma, anesthesia, plaster casts, bandages, legs crossing, squatting

Cysts, ganglions, lipoma, callus

Weight loss, in metabolic syndromes

DD: L5 radiculopathy, sciatic lesions

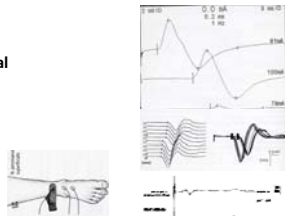


Peroneal Nerve – Diagnosis

- Motor NCS across fibular head
- Inching
- Sensory NCS of superficial peroneal nerve

- EMG Tests

- Sonography



Differential Diagnosis of Foot Drop

- Sciatic Lesion
- L5 radiculopathy
- L4 radiculopathy
- Polyneuropathy
- Anterior tibial syndrome
- ALS
- Distal Myopathy



CMT

EMG and Muscle Testing - Foot Drop

	Deep Peroneal Nerve	Common Peroneal Nerve	Sciatic Nerve	Sacral Plexus	L 5
Tibialis anterior	X	X	X	X	X
Peronæus longus		X	X	X	X
Short head of Biceps femoris			X	X	X
Gluteus Medius				X	X
Paraspinal					X

Peroneal Nerve - Therapy

Compression palsies : conservative

- Physiotherapy
- Splinting

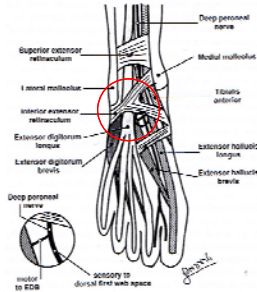
- In case of no recovery after 4 month - neurolysis

Traumatic lesions

NTX

- Additionally transfer of posterior tibial muscle

Peroneal Nerve - Anterior Tarsal Tunnel Syndrome



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Tibial Nerve – Posterior Tarsal Tunnel Syndrome

- Severe foot pain, burning, worse on standing and walking. Tinel sign at the medial malleolus, atrophy of the sole muscles
- DD: Morton's neuroma, plantar fasciitis, heel spurs, arthritis, early Charcot's neuroarthropathy, S1 radiculopathy, neuropathy (d.m.) CRPS
- Causes:
 - Trauma: distorsion, anklefracture, hematoma, adhäsions, fibrosis
 - Masses : ganglion, lipoma, varikosis
 - Diabetes mellitus??
- MRI : neuromas
- EDX: difficult, if DNP is severe
- Decompression if compression is identified



Posterior Tarsal Tunnel Syndrome - Elektrophysiologie

- Sensitivity low (50-80%)
- Motor NCS : prolonged distal motor latency and reduced muscle action potential
- Sensory NCS of plantar nerves
- EMG of intrinsic foot muscles
- Denervation in coexisting neuropathy or S1 radiculopathy



Tarsal Tunnel Syndrome

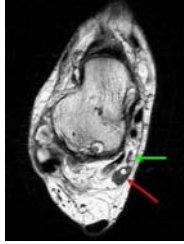


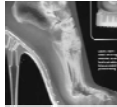
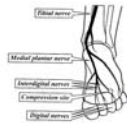
Fig. 4.37. Posterior tibial tunnel syndrome. Transverse US-30Hz scan at the level of the medial malleolus. A cystic mass (small arrow) is seen expanding within the medial plantar nerve, displacing the nerve fascicles marginally (large arrow). The lateral branch is unaffected (arrowhead).

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Morton Neuroma

- Morton 1876
- Lesion of interdigital nerve
- Mostly women (80%)
- Pain when walking
- Often misinterpreted as splainfoot
- Elicited by pressing
- Sensory loss in adjacent toes

- **Therapy**
- Insoles
- Infiltration
- Excision



Thank you !



"Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My brain is full."
