

IDIOPATHIC FACIAL NERVE PARESIS

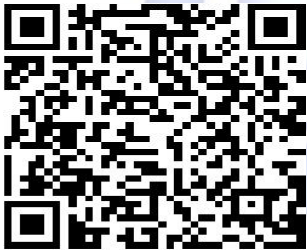
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About the Image

This is an Image of 4-year-old boy presented with a 2-weeks history of pull in the angle of mouth and difficulty in chewing the food. On physical examination flattened naso-labial fold and corner of mouth drooping towards right side were noted with weakness of lower facial muscles. Nerve conduction studies of facial nerve showed decreased conduction in the left facial nerve with prolonged latencies. Diagnosis made by the neurologist was idiopathic left facial nerve paresis. Neurologist prescribed drugs and referred the case to physiotherapy.

Physiotherapy management included electrical nerve stimulation of the lower trunk of the left facial nerve with finger, exercises to the lower facial muscles, massage, taping and other activities which will encourage the usage of lower facial muscles. This showed 50% improvement within 15 days and the treatment is being continued.



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