# The Clinical Assessment Tools and Non-Surgery Management of Spasticity

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# Definition

- One component of the upper motor neurone syndrome
- Characterised by a velocity dependent increase in the tonic stretch reflexes with exaggerated tendon jerks, resulting from the hyperexcitability of the stretch reflex

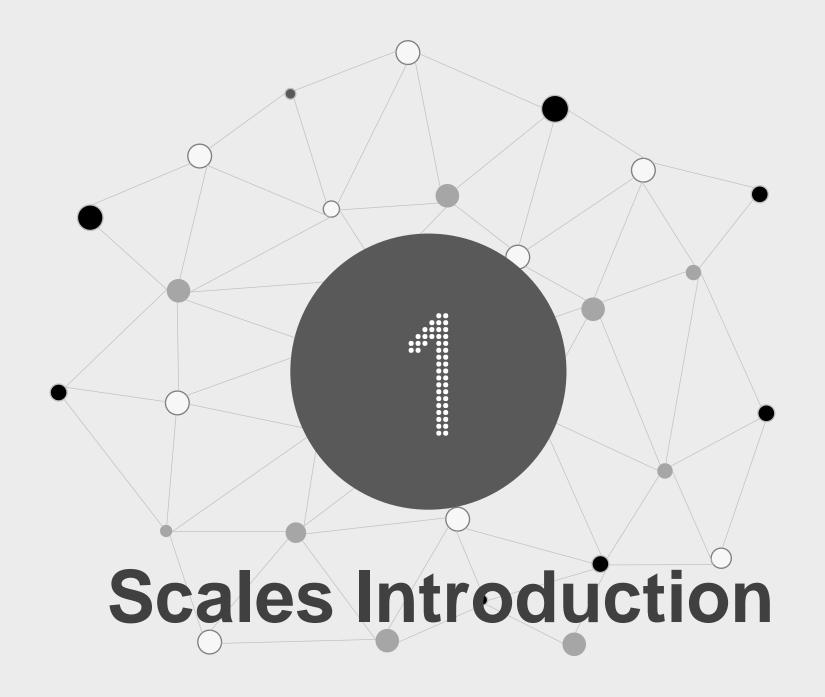
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# Ashworth Scale (ASS) Modfied Ashworth Scale (MAS)

Grade	Ashworth Scale			
0	No increase in tone			
1	Slight increase in tone giving a catch when the limb was			
	moved in flexion or extension			
2	More marked increase in tone but limb easily flexed			
3	Considerable increase in tone, passive movement difficult			
4	Limb rigid in flexion or extension			

Grade	Modified Ashworth Scale			
0	No increase in muscle tone			
1	Slight increase in muscle tone, manifested by a catch and release or by			
	minimal resistance at the end of the range of motion (ROM) when the			
	affected part is moved in flexion or extension			
1+	Slight increase in muscle tone, manifested by a catch, followed by			
	minimal resistance throughout the remainder (less than half) of the ROM			
2	More marked increase in muscle tone through most of the ROM, but			
	affected parts easily moved			
3	Considerable increase in muscle tone, passive movement difficult			
4	Affected part rigid in flexion or extension			

(Bohannon & Smith, 1987)

# The Tardieu Scale

Velocity of stretch:

V1: As slow as possible (minimizing stretch reflex)

V2: Speed of the limb segment falling under gravity

V3: As fast as possible (faster than the rate of the natural drop of the limb segment under gravity)

# The Tardieu Scale

Resulting joint angles defination

R1 (the angle of catch following a fast velocity stretch - during either V2 or V3)

R2 (passive range of motion following a slow velocity stretch - V1)

A large difference: large dynamic component with a greater capacity for change or improvement

A small difference: predominantly fixed contracture in the muscle with a poorer capacity for change

# Composite Spasticity Scale (CSS)

以踝关节为例,css 的评定内容则包括跟腱反射、踝跖屈肌群肌张力、踝阵挛,其评定方法及具体的评分标准如下:

- (1)跟腱反射:患者仰卧位,髓外展,膝屈曲。检查者使踝关节稍背伸,保持胫后肌群一定的张力,用叩诊锤叩击跟腱。
- 0分:无反射;1分:反射减弱;2分:反射正常;3分:反射活跃;4分:反射亢进。
- (2)踝跖屈肌群肌张力:患者仰卧位,下肢伸直,放松。检查者被动全范围背伸踝关节,感觉所受到的阻力。
- 0分:无阻力(软瘫);2分:阻力降低(低张力);4分:正常阻力;6分:阻力轻度到中度增加,尚可完成踩关节全范围的被动活动;8分:阻力重度(明显)增加,不能或很难完成踩关节全范围的被动活动。
- (3)踝阵挛:患者仰卧位,下肢放松,膝关节稍屈曲。检查者手托足底快速被动背伸踝关节,观察踝关节有无节律性的屈伸动作。
- 1分:无阵挛;2分:阵挛1~2次;3分:阵挛2次以上;4分:阵挛持续超过30秒。

结果判断:O~7 分为无痉挛,8~9 分为轻度痉挛,10~12 分为中度痉挛,13~16 分为重度痉挛。

# Spasm Frequency Scale

### Penn Spasm Frequency Scale

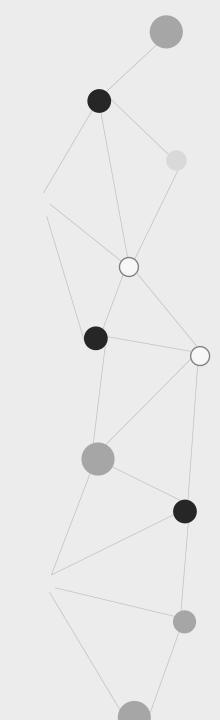
Level	Description		
0	No spasm		
1	Mild spasms induced by stimulation		
2	Infrequent full spasms occurring less than once per hour		
3	Spasms occurring more than once per hour		
4	Spasms occurring more than 10 times per hour		

### 表 4 每天痉挛频率量表

- 无痉挛
- 1 极少或1次痉挛
- 2 1~5 次痉挛
- 3 6~9 次痉挛
- 4 10 次以上或持续性收缩

# Clonus Score

- 表 5 痉挛的阵挛评分
- 0 无踝阵挛
- 1 踝阵挛持续时间 1~4秒
- 2 踝阵挛持续时间 5~9 秒
- 3 踝阵挛持续时间 10~14 秒
- 4 踝阵挛持续时间超过 15 秒



# Instrumented Measurement Tools

• Electrophysiological measures (电生理学检查)

• Pendulum (钟摆) test

# • Scale Classification

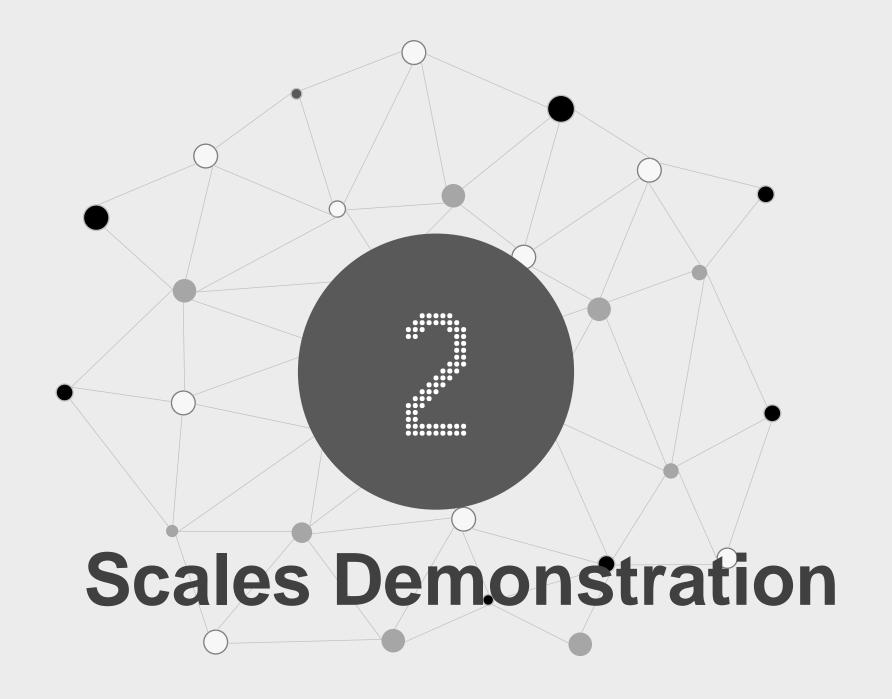
Upper limbs

ASS and MAS

### Lower limbs

- TS and MTS
- CSS
- The spasm frequency scale
- Clonus score

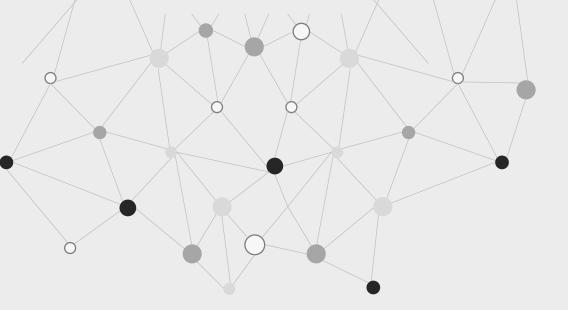
(谢芹, 2003)



# Demonstration of MAS

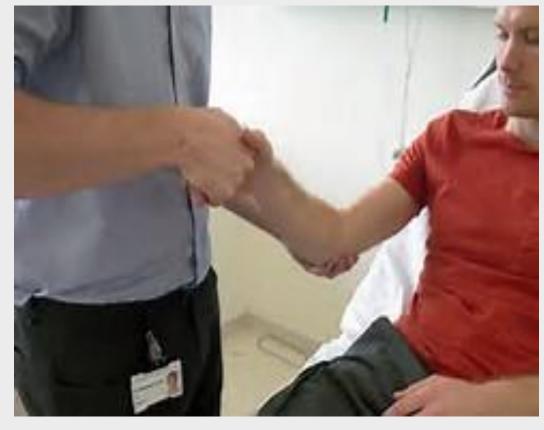
Patients: laying in relaxed posture

PT: move upper limb quickly "one thousand and one" feel the strength and range of resistance



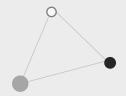
### Movement:

Shoulder abduction / flexion Elbow flexion / extension Forearm supination / pronation



(Sourse: www. bing. com)

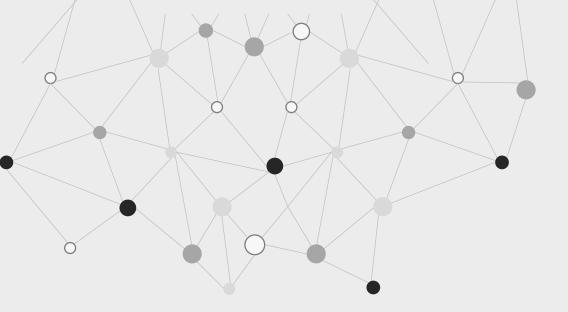




# Demonstration of MTS

Patients: lying in relaxed posture

PT: move patient in three speeds record locking angle (R1/R2) feel resistance



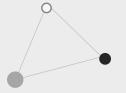
### Movement:

Hip lateral / medial rotation flexion /extension Knee flexion / extension



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# Non-surgery treatment

Removal of Noxious Stimuli

**Proper Posture** 

**Physical Therapy** 

Occupational Therapy

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**Oral Medications** 

**Botulinum Toxin Type A** 

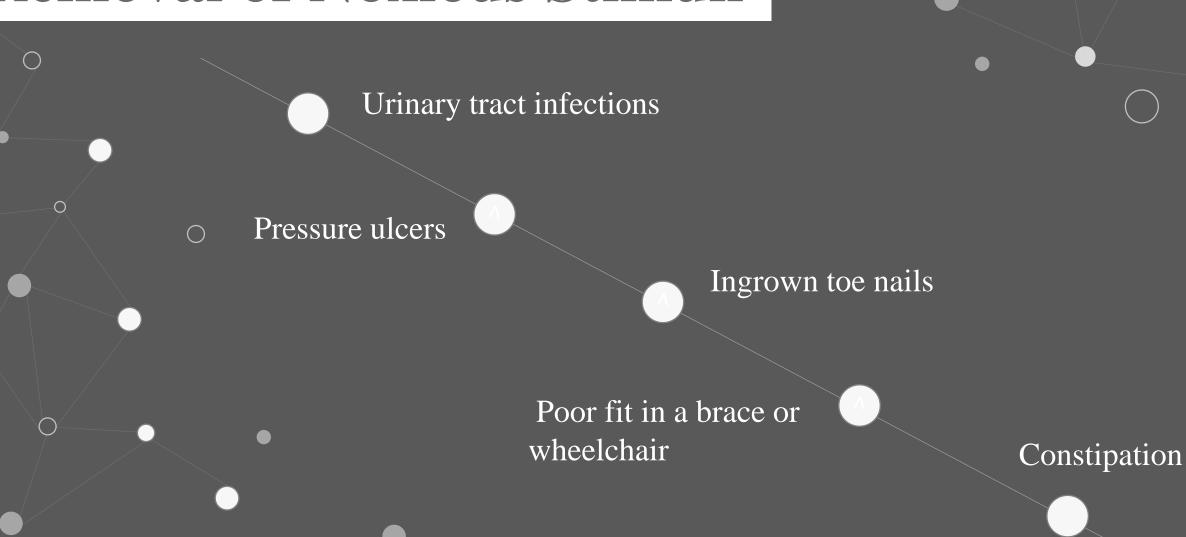
# Management of Spasticity

Clearly identifying the goals of the patient and caregivers.

- Does the patient need treatment?
- What are the aims of treatment?
- Do the patient and caregivers have the time required for treatment?
- Will treatment disrupt the life of the patient and caregivers?

(Lalith E. Satkunam, 2003)

# Removal of Noxious Stimuli



# Proper Posture

Product stretch on the spastic muscles

Facilitating the use of antagonistic muscle groups

(Seating) stabilize the pelvis with a slight anterior tilt

(Anju,2013)

# • Physical Therapy

Physical Agent

Electrical stimulation (functional electrical stimulation)

Ultrasound

**TENS** 

Cold or heat therapy



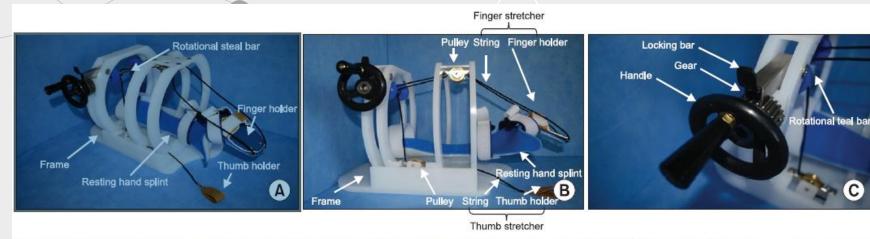
Short stretching(in seconds)

Sustained stretching(minutes to house)

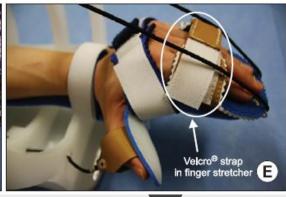
Chronic stretching(days to weeks)

(谢芹, 2003)

# Hand-Stretching Device









(Eun Hyuk Kim, 2013)

# Occupational Therapy

Brace

Functional training

ADL (roll over in bed)

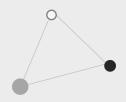
Keep in balance

Stand and sit

Walking exercise



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# Oral Medications

Drug	Initial dose	Daily maximum	Mechanism of action	Common side effects
Baclofen	5 mg 3 times daily	80 mg (can be higher if side effects are not a problem). Best divided into 4 doses	Centrally acting GABA analogue. Binds to GABA <sub>B</sub> receptor at the presynaptic terminal and thus inhibits the muscle stretch reflex	Daytime sedation, dizziness, weakness, fatigue, nausea; lowers seizure threshold Withdrawal seizures and hallucinations with abrupt discontinuation
Dantrolene	25 mg	100 mg 4 times daily	Interferes with the release of calcium from the sarcoplasmic reticulum of the muscle	Generalized muscle weakness, mild sedation, dizziness, nausea, diarrhea Hepatotoxicity (liver enzymes should be monitored)
Tizanidine	2–4 mg	36 mg	Imidazole derivative, with agonist action on alpha-2 adrenergic receptors in central nervous system	Dry mouth, sedation, dizziness, mild hypotension, weakness (less common than with baclofen) Liver enzymes should be monitored
Clonidine	0.05 mg twice daily	0.1 mg 4 times daily	Acts at multiple levels as an alpha-2 agonist in the central nervous system	Bradycardia, hypotension, depression, dry mouth, sedation, dizziness, constipation Monitor pulse and blood pressure during treatment
Gabapentin	100 mg 3 times daily	600–800 mg 4 times daily	GABA analogue. May have an indirect effect on GABA-ergic neurotransmission	Somnolence, dizziness, ataxia and fatigue

# Botulinum Toxin Type A

### Clinical Effect:

Reduce muscle tone

Physiotherapy or occupational therapy support

Increase range of motion

Pain reduction

Facilitation of care or hygiene

( Jost , 2014 )

# Botulinum Toxin Type A

Operation Method:

Positioning: ultra sound or EMG

Number: 3-5 points in each muscle

Dose: no more than 600U (or 400U)

Interval: at least 3 months (李江, 2016)

Follow-up measure: cooperate with exercise training

( Saita et al. 2017 )

# Summary

Assessment:

The most popular scale to evaluate muscle tone is modified Ashworth Scale, which ought to master

Treatment:

First, assess whether he/she need

Second, other methods just release symptons, exercise is significant way to improve prognosis.

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