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What is the diagnosis?

This rapid-onset condition involves the blockage of impulses of cranial nerve VII, causing facial muscle weakness or paralysis. It is the most common cause of unilateral facial paralysis. Severity of this condition is graded from I to VI based on amount of dysfunction. Symptoms usually peak within 48 hours.

The condition may subside spontaneously in 80% to 90% of patients, with function usually returning to normal in 3 to 6 months.

Physical findings include: drooping mouth or eyelid on the affected side, smooth forehead, distorted taste perception, inability to raise the eyebrow, smile, show teeth, or puff out cheek, impaired ability to close the eye on the affected side, twitching, weakness, or paralysis on affected side, and more.

What's the diagnosis?

[Find out the answer here](#) in Lippincott Advisor.

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Resource Spotlight: Lippincott Advisor

Here's a sneak peek at one of the nursing considerations included in Lippincott Advisor's [Nursing Care Plan](#) for the above diagnosis:



Consideration: Altered Swallowing

Goals

- The patient will demonstrate proper swallowing techniques.
- The patient will verbalise understanding of proper swallowing techniques.

Interventions

- Assess the patient for symptoms of impaired swallowing.
- Assess the patient for signs and symptoms of aspiration.
- Provide the appropriate consistency, texture, and type of food to allow the patient to swallow without choking.
- Provide a quiet environment for meals.
- Elevate the head of the bed to 90 degrees while the patient is eating; keep it elevated for 30 minutes afterward.
- Have suction equipment available while the patient is eating.
- Use cues and supervision while eating, as appropriate.
- Check the patient's mouth for pocketing of food after meals.
- Provide oral hygiene before and after meals.
- ... **and more.**

See the full Nursing Care Plan on [Lippincott Advisor](#).

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A new study has found that version 4 of the ChatGPT bot is able to answer Membership of the Royal College of Physicians written examination questions, without additional prompts, to a level that would equate with a comfortable pass for a human candidate.

The evaluation, reported in BMJ Open, found the artificial neural network achieved accuracy rates of 86.3% for part 1 and 70.3% for part 2 of the written examination practice questions.

Doctors aren't going to be out of a job quite yet, but there are many potential applications for artificial neural networks in research, medical education, and information transfer and retrieval, as well as in clinical decision systems.

Learn more about the article in the [British Medical Journal](#).

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Barriers And Facilitators To Patient Education Provided By Nurses



The implementation of patient education (PE) is a fundamental component in achieving favourable patient outcomes. A substantial body of research has demonstrated that the provision of PE enhances patients' comprehension of health conditions, improves their health literacy and empowers them with effective disease management strategies. Additionally, PE represents the most cost-effective approach to supporting patients in managing their health care needs and adopting healthy behaviours.

As the largest group of healthcare professionals, nurses have the most extensive contact time with patients and their families, making them pivotal in PE. They play a crucial role in facilitating PE and its implementation.

This review identifies the factors that influence nurses in providing PE and aims to establish a fundamental understanding to facilitate the development of effective training programmes for nurses. These programmes aim to enhance the quality of care delivery and improve patient health outcomes.

Learn more about the review in the [Journal of Clinical Nursing](#).

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The Future Of Engaging Patients And Families For Patient Safety



On Sept 17, 2023, WHO promotes World Patient Safety Day to increase global awareness of and action for patient safety. This year's focus is engaging patients in "recognition of the crucial role patients, families and caregivers play in the safety of healthcare".

In the context of modern health-care systems, patients and families should be viewed as partners in their care, present at all health-care presentations and coordinating, monitoring, and following up on treatment. These are arguably safety activities—recognising and reacting to risk, defending against safety incidents, and adapting to their consequences. Given this unique perspective, patients and families can help us understand how safe care is by identifying safety concerns prospectively and retrospectively, supporting service

improvement, and providing information to understand what happens when care fails.

Learn more about the article in [The Lancet](#).

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