Ramsay Hunt Syndrome Type II

Ramsay Hunt syndrome is also called dyssynergia cerebellaris myoclonica and has many symptoms. It is a rare, degenerative, neurological disorder characterized by epilepsy, cognitive impairment, myoclonus, and progressive ataxia. Symptoms include seizures, tremor and reduced muscle coordination. There have been some reports of psychiatric disturbances associated with this syndrome. The onset is usually in early adulthood and the progression of the syndrome usually is 10 years or longer.

The treatment is symptomatic. Myoclonus and seizures may be treated with drugs like valproate.

The NINDS (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stoke) support a broad range of research on neurodegenerative disorders such as Ramsay Hunt Syndrome Type II.

Information was obtained from the following web sites. You may want to visit these for more information:

National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) http://www.ataxia.org

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) http://www.rarediseases.org

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke http://www.ninds.nih.gov/health_and_medical/disorders/ramsey2.htm

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