

Frontal gait disorder

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This type of walking is about a **wide base, small steps**. Patients also have difficulty turning (they turn in a series of small steps). The appearance of the walk resembles a senile gait disorder.^[1] There is also basophobia (fear of falling) and a certain feeling of dizziness. The frontal type of gait is typical of normotensive hydrocephalus, where it represents one of the 3 main symptoms (gait disorder, dementia, incontinence). A gait disorder usually develops before dementia. It always develops gradually, it never arises acutely from full health (from normal walking). In the case of normotensive hydrocephalus, it is very easy to induce a remission of problems (a single removal of 50 ml of liquor by lumbar puncture or 5-day lumbar drainage will quickly improve the symptoms). The treatment of normotensive hydrocephalus consists in the introduction of a ventriculoperitoneal shunt.

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