

# **PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET**

# SYMPTOM OVERVIEW

#### UNDERSTANDING DIFFICULTY WALKING OR MAINTAINING BALANCE



- Challenges with walking, maintaining balance, or coordination, which may include staggering, frequent missteps, or unexplained falling.
- These difficulties can occur suddenly or develop gradually over time.

#### WHAT IT MIGHT INDICATE

- Common conditions: These symptoms can be due to normal aging, inner ear problems, or side effects of medications.
- They might also indicate neurological conditions like Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, or cerebellar disorders.
- Other potential causes include vitamin deficiencies, joint or muscle problems, or, in rare cases, brain tumors.
- Please note: This document is not intended for self-diagnosis. Persistent or difficulties should worsening be evaluated by a healthcare professional.

#### **IMMEDIATE ACTIONS**

- Use assistive devices like a cane or walker to prevent falls if balance issues are severe.
- Remove home hazards that can lead to tripping or falling, such as loose rugs, clutter, or poor lighting.
- If these difficulties are accompanied by severe headache, confusion, or weakness in one part of the body, seek immediate medical attention.

# WHEN TO CONTACT US

- · If you're experiencing persistent or worsening difficulties with walking, balance, or coordination, consider contacting us to arrange an online consultation with our specialists.
- If you're seeking further guidance, alternative treatment options, or a second opinion, our service can provide expert advice and specialist referrals.



### WHAT TO EXPECT DURING **OUR ONLINE CONSULTATION**

- Our specialist will inquire about your symptoms, medical history, and any medications you're taking.
- You may be asked to perform simple balance exercises or walk during the video call.
- Further diagnostic tests (like imaging, blood tests, or referral to a neurologist therapist) or physical may be recommended based on your symptoms and history.

### **PREPARATION FOR YOUR** APPOINTMENT

- Be ready to discuss in detail the difficulties you've been experiencing and their impact on your daily life.
- Compile a list of all medications and supplements you're taking, including dosages.
- Ensure you're in a quiet, well-lit room with a stable internet connection for the video call.
- Have any questions about your potential symptoms, causes, or treatment options written down and ready to ask.

## DISCLAIMER

This information sheet is for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always consult your local healthcare provider with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your condition.

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