

Apraxia

Apraxia is a motor disorder caused by damage to the brain, in which someone has difficulty with the motor planning to produce speech. Apraxia is an acquired disorder of motor planning, but is not caused by incoordination, sensory loss, or failure to comprehend simple commands (which can be tested by asking the person to recognize the correct movement from a series). It is caused by damage to specific areas of the cerebrum.

Differential diagnosis

Apraxia should not be confused with [ataxia](#), a lack of coordination of movements; [aphasia](#), an inability to produce and/or comprehend language; [abulia](#), the lack of desire to carry out an action; or [allochiria](#), in which patients perceive stimuli to one side of the body as occurring on the other.

see [Magnetic apraxia](#).

[Dressing apraxia](#)

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