

Ataxia

Ataxia (from Greek α- [a negative prefix] + -τάξις [order] = “lack of order”) is a neurological [sign](#) consisting of lack of voluntary coordination of muscle movements. Ataxia is a non-specific clinical manifestation implying dysfunction of the parts of the nervous system that coordinate movement, such as the cerebellum. Several possible causes exist for these patterns of neurological dysfunction.

Dystaxia is a mild degree of ataxia.

The evident ataxic characteristics of gait in patients with cerebellar damage suggest that the cerebellum plays an important role in the neural control of gait. Ataxic features, such as increased gait variability and increased step width, are often related to gait stability. However, the link between these measures and gait stability is not straightforward.

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