

Cerebrospinal fluid analysis to exclude infections such as tertiary syphilis or subacute sclerosing panencephalitis is recommended. Toxicity from bismuth, bromides, and lithium must be ruled-out. Myoclonus is usually more prominent early in toxic/metabolic disorders than in Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, and seizures in CJD are usually late ¹⁾

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Johnson RT, Gibbs CJ. Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease and Related Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies. N Engl J Med. 1998; 339:1994– 2004

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