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Dystonia

Dystonia is a neurological condition that affects children and adults, causing muscles to contract, spasm or tremor involuntarily and leading to twisting and abnormal postures of the part(s) of the body affected

COMMON FORMS OF DYSTONIA:

Cervical Dystonia (neck dystonia) affects the muscles of the neck and shoulders pulling or pushing the head into various abnormal postures

Blepharospasm causes the muscles of the eyelids to contract involuntarily, which in its severe form leads to functional blindness

Spasmodic Dysphonia affects the muscles of the larynx or voice box leading to difficulties in production and projection of speech

Writer's cramp is a task specific dystonia causing the muscles of the hand and forearm to cramp when writing

Oromandibular Dystonia involves the muscles of the lower face, jaw, mouth and tongue that may interfere with speech, swallowing and socialising.

Early-onset dystonia (generalized dystonia)

Secondary dystonia can occur with certain medications, trauma, toxins, infections or stroke or as a result of other neurological conditions

Do you have Dystonia or care for someone with Dystonia?

The Dystonia Network of Australia Incorporated (DNA) is a registered charity for people living with Dystonia, their family, carers and health professionals. For more information go to the web-site or to the organisation directly.