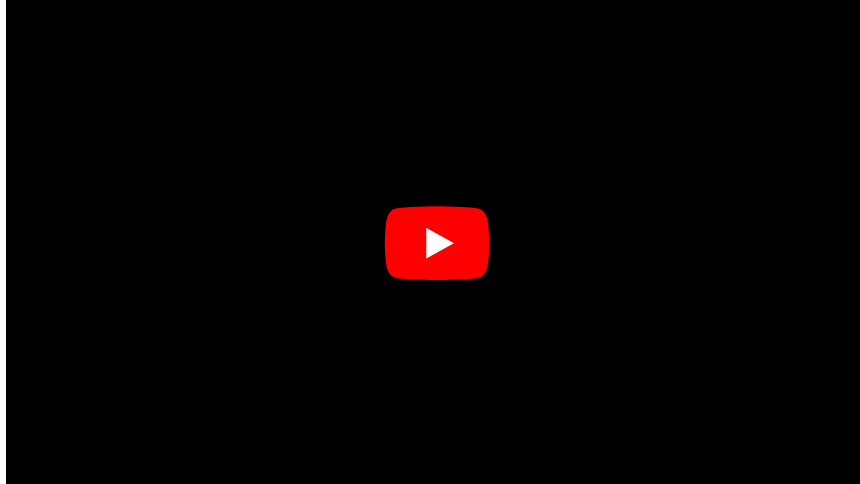


# Athetosis

**Athetosis** is hyperkinesia. The movements are slow, serpentine and circular. The patient is unable to hold the fingers or limb (muscle group) in one position, and the calm position of the hand or fingers is disturbed by worm-shaped movements. It usually disappears in sleep and intensifies with emotion. It occurs in cerebral palsy or cerebral anoxia.

## Characteristic hand movements



## Links

### Related articles

- Extrapyramidal syndromes
  - Chorea
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  - Dystonia
  - Tremor

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