

# Hemiplegia alternans

**Alternative hemiplegia** is a type of central paralysis caused by damage to the brainstem . It is manifested by contralateral hemiplegia (caused by a disorder of the corticospinal pathway before crossing) and a homolateral disorder of one of the cranial nerves. Individual hemiplegias are divided according to the place of damage.

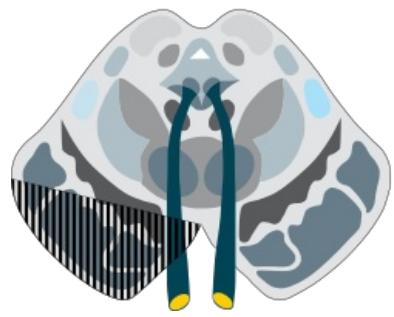
## Hemiplegia alternans superior (Weber syndrome)

It is caused by a lesion of the **mesencephalus** . The oculomotor nerve (N. III.) Is damaged from the cranial nerves . Ipsilateral or homolateral paresis occurs. It is manifested by ptosis , divergent strabismus , mydriasis and photoreaction disorder. Disruption of the pyramidal pathway results in contralateral hemiplegia.



## Hemiplegia alternans media (Millard-Gubler syndrome)

This type of fault damages the **Varol bridge** . It is manifested by homolateral peripheral paresis of the facial nerve (N. VII.) And also by contralateral hemiplegia.



## Hemiplegia alternans inferior (Déjerine syndrome)

It occurs during an lesion of **the elongated spinal cord** . It is manifested by paresis of the hypoglossus nerve (N. XII.) , Which is ipsilateral. Symptoms include impaired tongue movement, atrophy, and tongue fibrillation. There is also contralateral hemiplegia with impaired sensitivity.

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