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Understanding medullary syndromes and Weber syndrome is crucial for comprehending neurological conditions affecting the medulla oblongata and related structures.





- Lesion Locations: Graphic representation of lesion sites for medullary syndromes and Weber syndrome.
- Neurological Pathways: Highlighted pathways affected, depicting sensory and motor deficits.
- Vascular Supply Visualization: Illustration of arteries supplying the medulla and midbrain.
- Contrast in Lesion Impact: Differentiated impact of lateral and medial medullary syndromes visually demonstrated.
- Weber Syndrome Representation: Clear depiction of midbrain involvement, emphasizing oculomotor nerve and contralateral hemiparesis.



MEDULLARY SYNDROMES

Lateral Medullary Syndrome (Wallenberg Syndrome):

- Occurs due to occlusion of the posterior inferior cerebellar artery (PICA).
- Manifestations include ipsilateral facial pain and temperature loss, contralateral body pain and temperature loss, Horner's syndrome, and dysphagia.

Medial Medullary Syndrome (Dejerine Syndrome):

• Typically caused by occlusion of the anterior spinal artery. Symptoms involve contralateral hemiparesis, contralateral loss of tactile and proprioceptive sensation, and hypoglossal nerve involvement.

Bilateral Medullary Syndromes:

• Involve lesions affecting both sides of the medulla. Symptoms may include respiratory failure, paralysis, and loss of consciousness.



WEBER SYNDROME

Etiology and Location:

 Typically caused by a vascular lesion, often involving the midbrain's cerebral peduncle. Commonly associated with occlusion of the posterior cerebral artery

Clinical Features:

- Ipsilateral oculomotor nerve palsy with ptosis (drooping eyelid) and dilation of the pupil.
- Contralateral hemiparesis involving the face, arm, and leg.

Weber Syndrome vs. Alternating Hemiplegia:

- Distinguishing factor is the involvement of the oculomotor nerve in Weber syndrome.
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scans aid in identifying the location and extent of lesions.





Question:

What distinguishes Weber syndrome from Alternating Hemiplegia?

a.) Ipsilateral ptosis and pupil dilation
b.) Contralateral hemiparesis
c.) Involvement of oculomotor nerve
d.) Bilateral medullary lesions

Ans - a.) Involvement of oculomotor nerve

