

5 Red Flag Neurological Signs



(In addition to Weakness...)

1. **Impaired proprioception**, saddle paraesthesia / sensory level, bladder / bowel dysfunction – *spinal cord compression*
2. **Speech, swallow, breathing impairments** without another clear explanation – *bulbar pathology*
3. **Fasciculations** (esp. with UMN & LMN signs) – *MND*
4. **Ptosis** (+/- complex ophthalmoplegia) & fatiguability – *MG, cavernous, brain stem*
5. **Ascending weakness** with absent ankle reflexes – *GBS & variants*

Urgent Management inc. Neurology!

Also remember (as a rule of thumb):

Ipsilateral CN palsy + contralateral weakness / sensory disturbance

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Brainstem stroke (until proven otherwise)