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FAHR'S SYNDROME IS A CAUSE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE

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Fahr's Syndrome is a rare inherited neurological disorder that can present with a wide spectrum of symptoms, including those of Parkinson's Disease. It is characterised by abnormal deposits of calcium in areas of the brain that control movement, including the basal ganglia and the cerebral cortex. For more information go to Fahr's Syndrome :

<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/fahrs/fahrs.htm>



Symptoms of Fahr's Syndrome that are similar to those of Parkinson's Disease may include deterioration of motor function, dementia, dysarthria (poorly articulated speech), tremors, muscle rigidity, a mask-like facial appearance, shuffling gait, and a "pill-rolling" motion of the fingers. These symptoms generally occur later in the development of the disease. More common symptoms of Fahr's Syndrome include dystonia (disordered muscle tone) and chorea (involuntary, rapid, jerky movements). The age of onset of Fahr's Syndrome is typically in the 40s or 50s, which is similar to Parkinson's Disease, although it can also occur at any time in childhood or adolescence.

Due to the possible similarity of symptoms to those of Parkinson's Disease, Fahr's Syndrome should be considered as an important differential diagnosis in cases of Parkinsonism.

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