

WHAT IS BELL'S PALSY?

Bell's Palsy is sudden onset Facial Paralysis that cannot be explained by a stroke, brain tumor, or trauma.

What are common symptoms of Bell's Palsy?

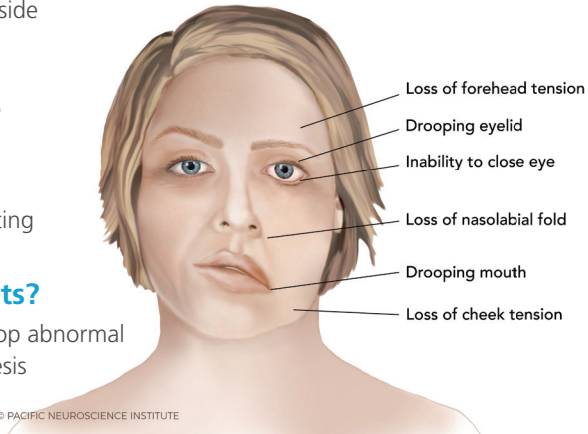
1. Unable to blink/close eye on affected side
2. Unable to smile on affected side
3. Unable to eat on the affected side

How do you treat Bell's Palsy?

1. High dose oral steroids
2. Antiviral medications (within 3 days)
3. Eye protection (Artificial tears, lubricating eye ointment, Eye moisture chamber)

Are there long-term side effects?

- Approximately 10% of patients develop abnormal or unwanted facial spasms, or synkinesis
- Examples include eye closure or neck tightness with smile



**For more information,
talk to a specialist.**

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