Approach To Tics

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Overview

- Tics are one of the hyperkinetic disorders that a physician might encounter in the clinic.
- It is crucial to differentiate tics from other hyperkinetic disorders and especially seizures.
- Tourette syndrome is the most common cause of tics.
- When to investigate for secondary causes?
- When and how to manage tics?

Objectives

- Define the phenomenology of tics.
- Differentiate from other hyperkinetic disorders.
- Overview on the etiology & pathophysiology.
- What important investigations to help guide in the diagnosis?
- Brief overview on Tourettes syndrome.
- When & how to manage tics.