# Neurodegenerative diseases:

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## Metabolic diseases:

#### Inborn defects of carbohydrate metabolism:

Galactosemia  Fructosemia	UDPG deficiency (galactose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase)  aldolase B deficiency	The symptoms soon after birth - vomiting, diarrhea, hepatosplenomegaly, CNS damage, tubulopathy, cataract
Glycogen storage diseases	Deficiency of enzymes involved in the synthesis and metabolism of glycogen	Symptoms in different ages: - hypoglycemia intracellular accumulation of glycogen: hepatomegaly, cardiomegaly, developmental delay, neurodegeneration

## Amino acid metabolic disorders:

phenylketonuria	phenylalanine hydroxylase deficiency	Early symptoms: vomiting, eczema, light skin, the smell of mouse urine, seizures, mental retardation,
maple syrup disease(MSUD)	branched amino acids metabolism disorder	Early: hypoglycemia, severe general condition, coma, caramel -scented urine
nonketotic hyperglycinemia	Inborn error of glycine metabolism	Hypotonia, tremor, myoclonus, developmental delay

# Hyperammonemia:

- Congenital enzymatic defects of urea cycle,
- The most common type II hyperammonemia congenital deficiency of ornithine transcarbamylase (OTC) X- linked recessive inheritance (the most common symptoms in boys)

#### Mitochondrial diseases:

 Defects in the respiratory chain complex enzymes; mutations acquired or inherited, in mitochondrial DNA or in nuclear genes that code for mitochondrial components.

Symptoms: lactic acidosis, increased alanine (blood, CSF).

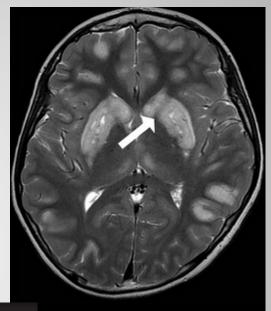
**Leigh syndrome**(vomiting, suppression of growth, seizures, hypotonia, nystagmus)

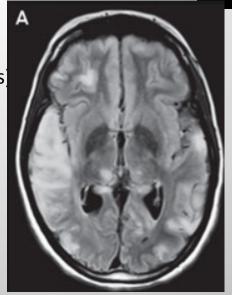
**Leber syndrome** (blindness, myoclonus, impaired development)

**MERRF** (myoclonal epilepsy, ragged red fibers) **Wolfram syndrome** DIDMOAD (diabetes insipidus, diabetes mellitus, optic atrophy, deafness)

**MELAS** – encephalopathy,lactic acidosis,stroke- like – episodes

**Alpers syndrome** – myoclonus, hypotonia, liver damage,





# Lysosomal diseases:

 The diseases associated with a deficit of enzymes involved in the synthesis and degradation of substances generated in the lysosomes: gangliosides, mukolipides, sphingolipides, cerebrosides

# Mucopolysaccharidoses:

MPS I (Hurler syndrome)  MPS II (Hunter syndrome)	iduronidase deficiency deficit of idursulfase	Progressive neurodegeneration, dysmorphia, dwarfism, bone defects, deafness, hepatosplenomegaly
MPS III (Sanfilippo syndrome)		neurodegeneration



# Lipidoses:

Niemanna –Pick t.C disease	Intracellular transport of cholesterol impairment	Progressive neurodegeneration, epilepsy, hepatomegaly
Gaucher type II i III disease	Impairment of ceramide degradation	Neurodegeneration, hepatosplenomegaly
Krabbe disease	Beta galactosidase deficiency	Neurodegeneration, epilepsy, deafness, blindness, leukodystrophy

## **Sulfatydoses:**

 Metachromatic leukodystrophy (deficit of sulfatase cerebroside) peripheral neuropathy, demyelination, optic atrophy Gangliosydoses:

Neurodegeneration, epilepsy, deafness, hepatosplenomegaly

- GM I (betagalaktosydase deficiency)
- GM II Tay Sachs disease (deficiency of heksozamidase)

### **Glykoproteinoses:**

Neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis (TPPI deficiency)

Symptoms:

Neurodegeneration, epilepsy,
Optic atrophy

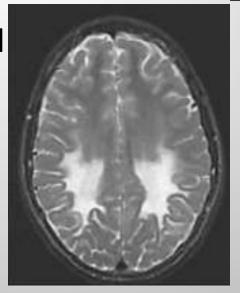




#### Peroksysomal diseases:

- Zellweger syndrome (cerebro-hepato-renal syndrome), cataracts, bone defects, retinitis pigmentosa
- X linked
   Adrenoleukodystrophy:
   progressive
   leukodystrophy, adrenal
   insufficiency
   Diagnostics:
   increase VLCFA in
   blood





#### Metal related disorders:

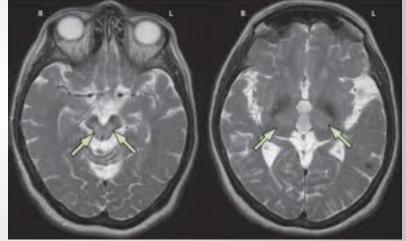
 Wilson disease (hepato – lenticular degeneration ) defect of transmembrane transport of copper involves liver and CNS, autosomal recessive inheritance

Symptoms: liver failure, slurred speech, tremor, Kayser- Fleischer ring, hemolytic anemia

Diagnosis: MRI, Cu and ceruloplasin decrease in serum, increased urinary excretion of Cu

 Menkes disease: X- linked inheritance, malabsorption of Cu Symptoms: decrease copper and ceruloplasmin in serum, neurodegeneration, laxity, "kinky" hair

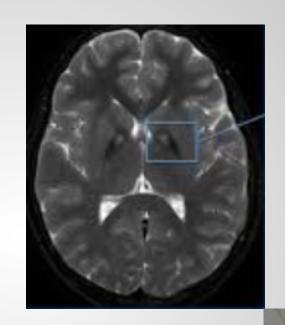






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 NBIA (formerly Hallervorden – Spatz disease) - deficiency of pantothenic kinase, iron deposition in the globus pallidus "tiger eye" Symptoms: neurodegeneration optic atrophy, dystonia



# Biotynidase deficiency:

 Biotynidase- involved in the cyclic reproduction of biotin (vitamin H) Symptoms: muscular hypotonia, developmental delay, seizures, eczema, hair loss, ataxia, blindness, deafness **Treatment: Biotin** (vitamin H)





#### **Neurodegeneration with ataxia:**

 Friedreich's ataxia; AR inheritance, gene coding frataxine (increased number of repetitions of GAA, mitochondrial protein)

Symptoms in adolescence:

- Gait and limbs ataxia and limbs, hollowed feet
- Lack of tendon reflexes
- Babinski sign (+)
- dysarthria
- Numbness deep
- Ataxia telangiectasia; AR inheritance, gene ATM

(involved in regulation of DNA repair)

Symptoms: 1-4 years of age

- cerebellar symptoms:
- -apraxia, ophtalmoplegia (nystagmus, dysmetria)
- -blurred speech
- -hipomimia
- -telangiectasias
- -Ig deficiencies (IgA, IgG)
- -increased concentration of AFP





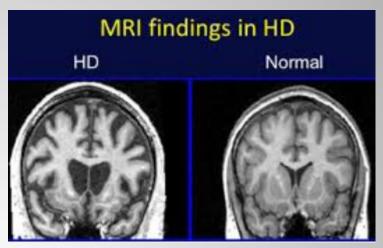
#### Neurodegeneration with movement disorders:

**Huntington disease** AD, increased number of CAG repeats, mutation of huntingtin protein Symptoms 35-40years old (also juvenile form):

- -involuntary movements (choreiform)
- -personality disorders,
- -dementia

**Parkinson disease -** the most common gene PARK 1 (protein α-synuclein), PARK 2 (parkin) Symptoms:

- -movement disorders (resting tremor, rigidity, hypokinesia, stooped posture, freezing, slurred speech)
- -attention deficit,
- -personality disorders
- bradyfrenia



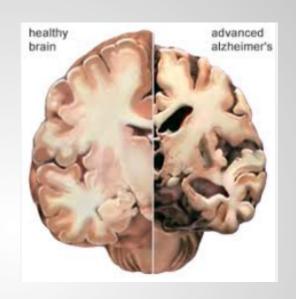


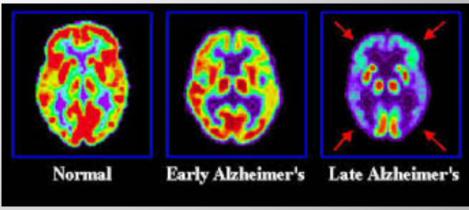
# Neurodegeneration with dementia:

 Alzheimer's disease AD?, deposits of β-amyloid in brain

#### Symptoms:

- recent memory disturbances,
- disturbances of abstract thinking,
- depression
- initially without other neurological disorders (then extrapyramidal symptoms, abnormal posture, gait problems)





## Neurodegeneration – diagnostic:

- Metabolic screening after birth:
   TANDEM MS profile of acylcarnitines in the blood
   Other: AA serum
- Cerebro-spinal fluid examination (lactate concentration)
- GCMS profile of organic acids in urine
- Ammonia concentration in the blood
- Oligosaccharides in urine
- Biotynidase dry blood drop
- Lysosomal enzymes in the blood
- VLCFA (very long chain fatty acids in the blood)
- Genetic diagnosis
- Neuroimaging (MRI head, spinal cord)
- Ophthalmological examination