

# How to Talk Like a Neurologist

(A GUIDE TO ANATOMIC LOCALIZATION)

Level	We Call It	Sensory Pattern	Motor Pattern (upper or lower motor neuron?)	Reflexes	Common Etiologies
Muscle					
NMJ					
Peripheral Nerve – All					
Peripheral Nerve – One					
Plexus					
Nerve Root					
Spinal Cord					
Brainstem/ Cerebellum					
Hemisphere					
Generalized					
Non-Neurologic					

The pattern of lesions may be:

- Focal
- Multifocal
- Diffuse
- Or, a combination of these

Multiple lesions may be grouped by:

- Common anatomy (CNS or surrounding structures)
- Common vascular supply
- Common system or pathophysiology
- Coincidence!

Steps to a Diagnosis:

1. Anatomic localization
2. Pattern of lesion(s)
3. Time course
4. Etiologic differential diagnosis

