

FRONTOTEMPORAL DEMENTIA: NOT ALWAYS WHAT IS EXPECTED TO APPEAR

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Frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is a severe neurodegenerative disorder, clinically characterized by predominant behavior and language deficits. However, the clinical presentation is highly variable, as it has been demonstrated in particular in genetic forms of the disease. In this seminar, we will provide an overview of the clinical and neuropsychological aspects of FTD, highlighting the complexity of the clinical phenotype and subsequently of the diagnosis, also with the presentation of some atypical cases.



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