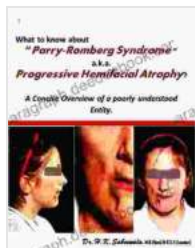


# Parry Romberg Syndrome: An In-Depth Guide to Progressive Hemifacial Atrophy



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Parry Romberg Syndrome (PRS) is a rare neurological disorder that affects the face. It is characterized by the gradual wasting away of one side of the face, known as progressive hemifacial atrophy. PRS typically affects children and young adults, and the cause is unknown.

## Symptoms

The symptoms of PRS can vary from person to person, but they typically include:

\* Gradual wasting away of one side of the face \* Sunken eye on the affected side \* Thinning of the skin on the affected side \* Loss of fat and muscle on the affected side \* Dryness and irritation of the eye on the

affected side \* Difficulty closing the eye on the affected side \* Pain and discomfort on the affected side

In some cases, PRS can also affect the other side of the face, although this is less common.

## **Causes**

The cause of PRS is unknown, but it is believed to be an autoimmune disorder. This means that the body's immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissue in the face.

There are a number of risk factors that may increase the risk of developing PRS, including:

\* Family history of PRS \* Certain autoimmune disorders, such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis \* Trauma to the face \* Viral infections

## **Diagnosis**

PRS is diagnosed based on the patient's symptoms and a physical examination. The doctor may also order imaging tests, such as an MRI or CT scan, to rule out other conditions.

## **Treatment**

There is no cure for PRS, but there are treatments that can help to slow the progression of the disease and improve symptoms. These treatments may include:

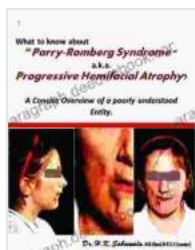
\* Medications to suppress the immune system \* Surgery to improve facial symmetry \* Physical therapy to improve muscle function \* Eye drops to

lubricate the eye

## Prognosis

The prognosis for PRS varies from person to person. In some cases, the disease may progress slowly and cause only mild symptoms. In other cases, the disease may progress more rapidly and cause significant facial disfigurement.

Parry Romberg Syndrome is a rare but serious condition that can have a significant impact on a person's life. While there is no cure for PRS, there are treatments that can help to slow the progression of the disease and improve symptoms.

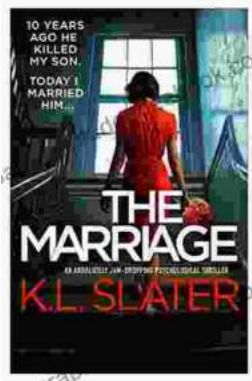


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