

Teaching Video *NeuroImages*: Spinal and bulbar muscular atrophy mimicking essential tremor



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A 43-year-old man presented with 5 years of an alcohol-sensitive postural tremor, diagnosed as essential tremor. Family history was positive for tremor on his paternal side and for muscular weakness in his maternal grandfather. Examination revealed gynecomastia, a medium to high frequency weight bearing sensitive postural tremor, a proximal atrophic tetraparesis (video on the *Neurology*[®] Web site at www.neurology.org), fasciculations, and tongue weakness. Molecular testing confirmed the diagnosis of spinal bulbar muscular atrophy (38 CAG repeats). Postural tremor associated with gynecomastia should raise concern for spinal bulbar muscular atrophy.^{1,2}

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