Teaching Video NeuroImages: A teenager with a rare movement disorder

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A 17-year-old patient with no medical or psychiatric illness presented with a 4-year history of painless twitching of the toes of his right foot (video on the *Neurology*® Web site at www.neurology.org). The movements subsided in deep sleep. Neurologic examination, EEG, and MRI brain/lumbosacral spine were normal. Electrophysiology showed axonal neuropathy of the right deep peroneal nerve.

"Painless legs moving toes," like the phenomenologically similar "painful legs moving toes," is hypothesized to be a centrally generated movement disorder.[1] Peripheral neuropathy may modulate afferent input to the spinal cord, which secondarily causes changes in the brainstem and subcortical centers, resulting in abnormal motor patterns.[2]

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