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Introduction

Subthalamic nucleus stimulation (STN) is a well-established treatment for the motor symptoms of advanced Parkinson's disease (PD). It has also been shown to improve non-motor symptoms such as depression, anxiety, and cognitive difficulties (Hausdorff et al., 2007; Hwang et al., 2007; Kish et al., 2007; Nishio et al., 2007; Pahwa et al., 2007; Sano et al., 2007; Tarsy et al., 2007). Dysarthria is a common non-motor symptom of PD and is often associated with cognitive impairment (Buck-Salmer et al., 2007; Gagnon et al., 2007; Hwang et al., 2007; Kish et al., 2007; Nishio et al., 2007; Pahwa et al., 2007; Sano et al., 2007; Tarsy et al., 2007). In addition to the effects of PD on speech, the effects of STN on speech have been reported (Kish et al., 2007; Nishio et al., 2007; Pahwa et al., 2007; Sano et al., 2007; Tarsy et al., 2007).

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L e g e

I e g b a d d c : This code is used to denote the presence of a leg brace or a double knee brace. A single letter 'b' indicates a leg brace, while 'd' indicates a double knee brace. The letter 'c' is used to denote the absence of any brace.

Me a e

I e g b a d d c

I e g b a d d c : This code is used to denote the presence of a cane or a double knee brace. A single letter 'b' indicates a cane, while 'd' indicates a double knee brace. The letter 'c' is used to denote the absence of any cane or brace.

A c c a a

A c c a a : This code is used to denote the presence of a cane or a double knee brace. A single letter 'c' indicates a cane, while 'a' indicates a double knee brace. The letter 'a' is used to denote the absence of any cane or brace.

F e c a g

F e c a g : This code is used to denote the presence of a cane or a double knee brace. A single letter 'c' indicates a cane, while 'g' indicates a double knee brace. The letter 'a' is used to denote the absence of any cane or brace.

R e

S a e e e e a e d e a c e

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 $p = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$ $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt$

Mean a e s eec a e

Ac c ea e : a s e s e s e s e s

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