

## *Definition of Terms Disease Progression Graphs*

The following definitions are guidelines only, since the diseases can progress in an erratic manner.

Note: A Department of Rehabilitation client receiving SSI Disability payments or SSDI benefits is classified as "severely disabled" by Department of Rehabilitation / Rehabilitation Counselors regardless of the level of physical restriction.

### A. Mild.

1. Limited debilitating effects.
2. Does not limit, or limits to a minor degree:
  - a. Standing.
  - b. Walking.
  - c. Use of hands and arms.
  - d. Fine finger dexterity.
  - e. Full time employment.
  - f. Exerting 50 to 100 pounds of physical force (if otherwise large and old enough).

### B. Moderate.

1. Physical functioning is reduced to a level where a new occupation needs to be developed or considered.
2. The individual is able to function in medium (occasionally), light or sedentary occupations.
3. Most individuals travel and function independently.
4. Usually good candidates for DR.


### C. Substantial (Severe).


1. Individuals with neuromuscular diseases are automatically classified "severely disabled" by Department of Rehabilitation, according to federal regulations.
2. When a physician indicates the limitations are substantial or very physically limiting.
3. Unable to use public transportation (paratransit exception).
4. Unable to perform sustained work activity for six hours or more.
5. Have disfigurement or deformity so pronounced as to cause social rejection.
6. Have speech unintelligible to non-family members.
7. Unable to climb one flight of stairs or walk 100 level yards without pause.
8. Has so little manual dexterity or coordination as to be unable to button buttons or write intelligibly.

Graph bars indicate ages at which an individual may experience a particular level of physical involvement. The three bars taken together represent the possible variations in disease progression for one individual. Beginning and end ages on each bar are approximate and vary from individual to individual. Beginning (left end) of "mild" bar is the earliest onset of the disease. The right end of the "substantial" bar is the work expectancy limit (maximum age 65.)

Levels of physical involvement:

Mild 

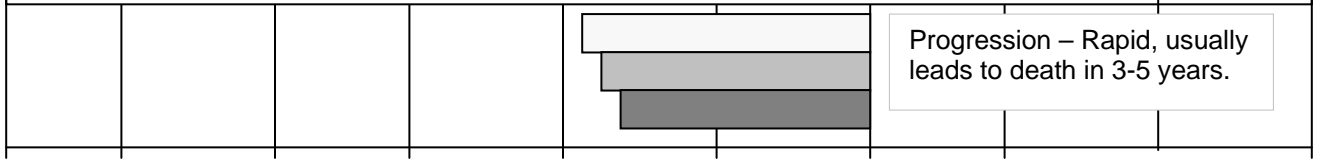
Moderate 

Substantial 

Age in Years

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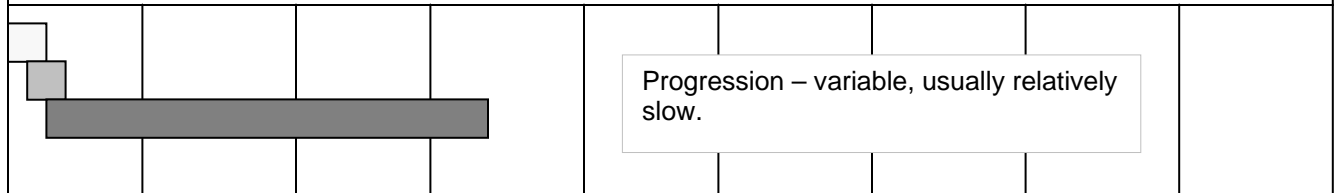
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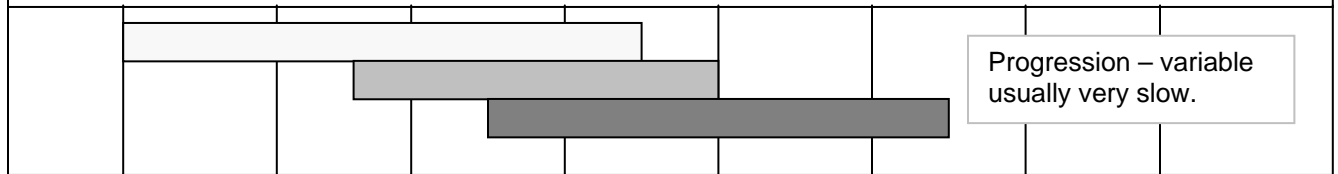
Childhood Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA Type 2)



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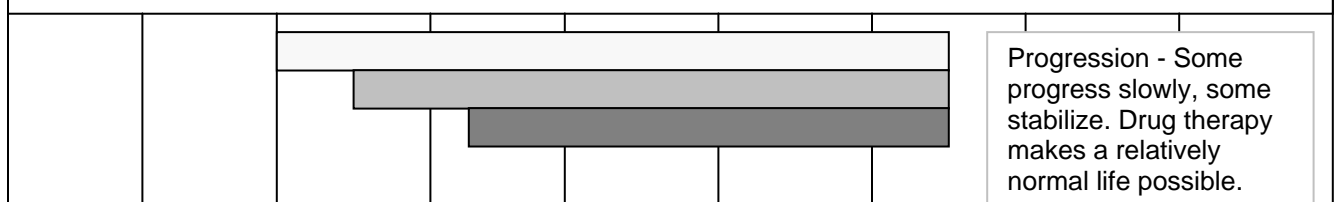
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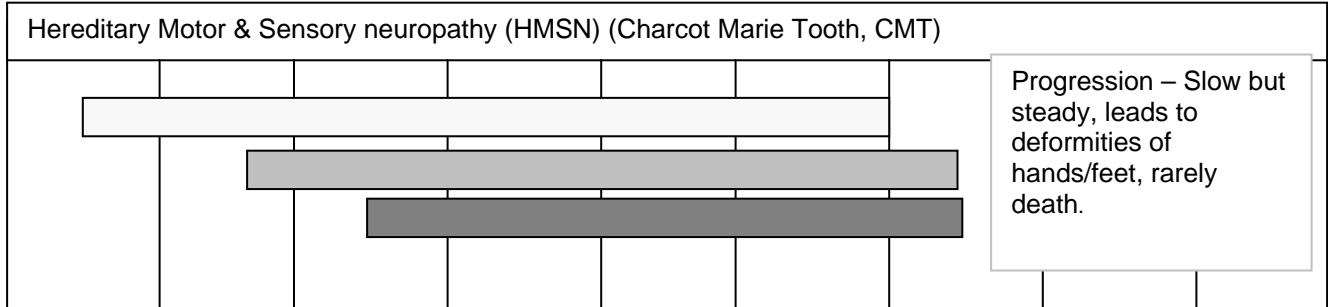
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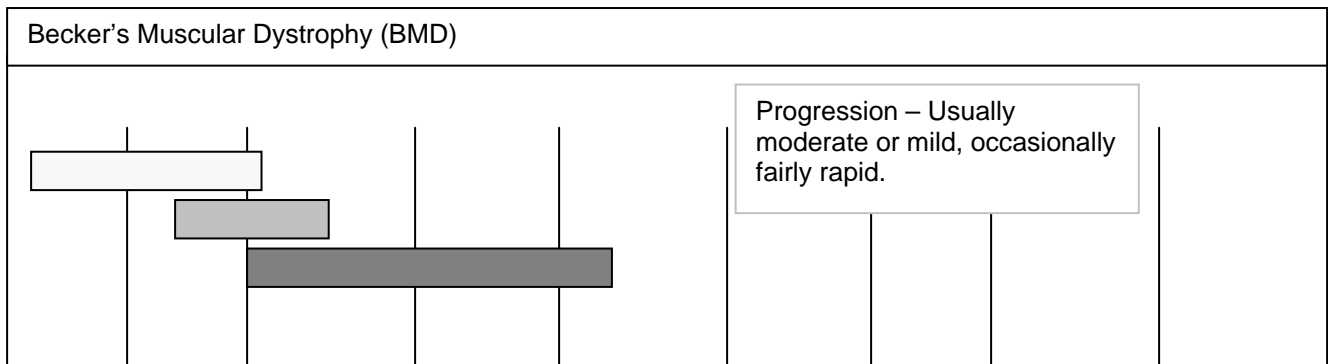
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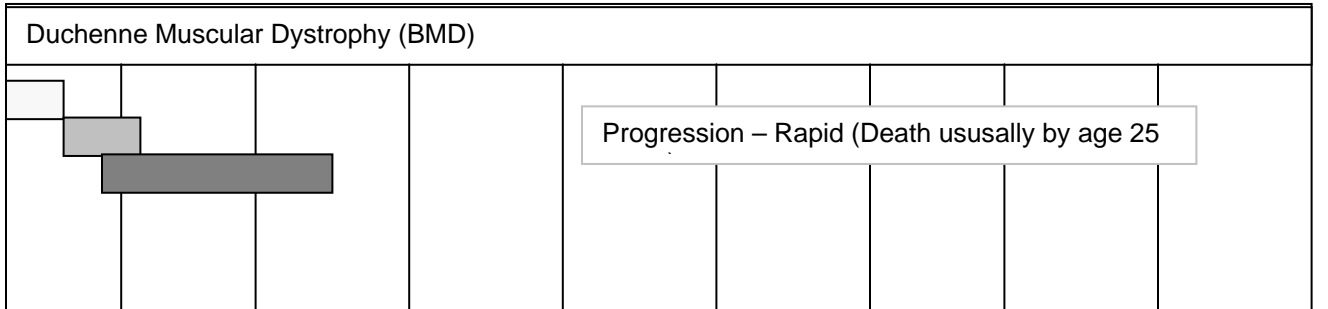
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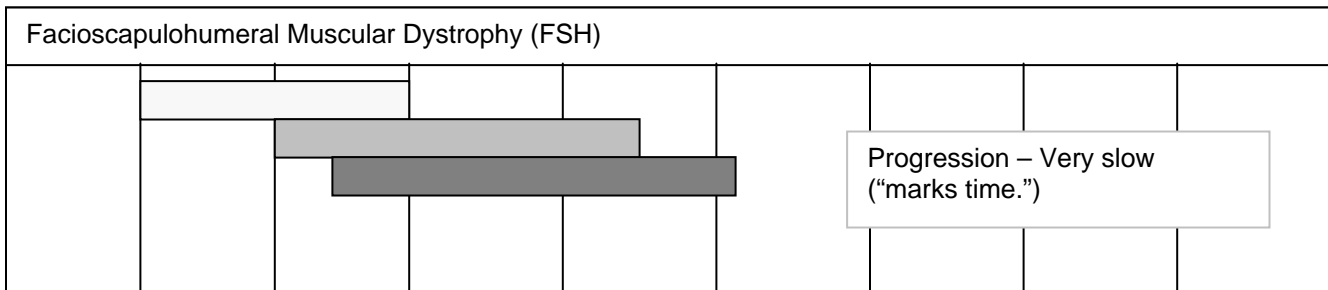
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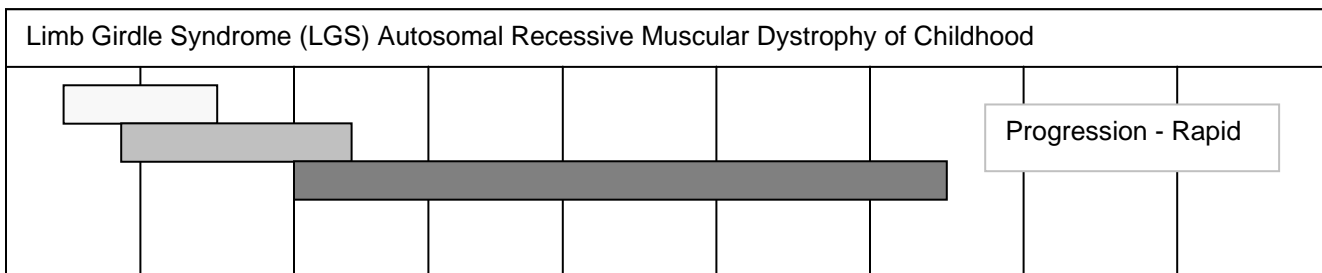
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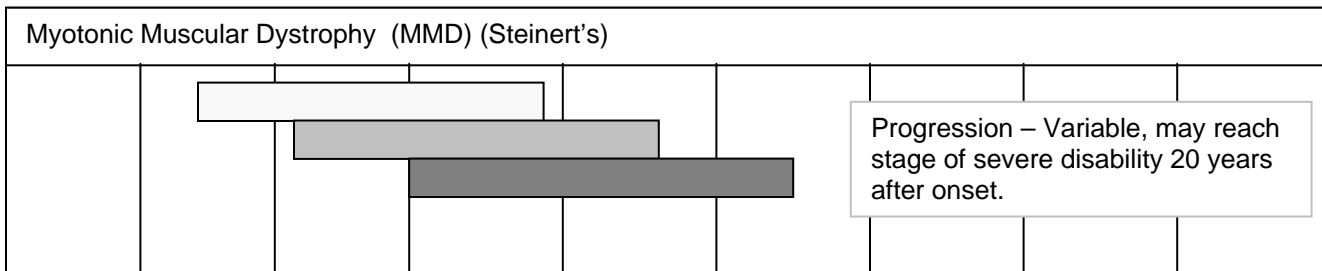


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