

The Dystonia Coalition is an international collaboration of medical researchers and patient advocacy groups with a mission to advance the pace of clinical and translational research in the dystonias to find better treatments and a cure.

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Diagnostic and Rating Tools for Blepharospasm

What is Blepharospasm?

A focal dystonia involving involuntary contraction of the muscles around the eye, leading to involuntary eye closure.

What is the purpose of the study?

To develop the best way to measure the symptoms and impact of blepharospasm

Who are the eligible participants?

- All participants must be 18 years of age or older
- There are 3 different groups of people in this study
 - People with blepharospasm
 - People with other facial or eye disorders, like hemifacial spasm, facial tics, psychogenic facial disorders, apraxia, and ptosis due to weakness. These problems may be a part of Bell's palsy, myasthenia gravis or Progressive Supranuclear Palsy
 - People with no facial or eye problems or other neurological complaints
- There are a few other criteria for being in the study. If you are interested in learning more, let your doctor or a study coordinator know and they will give you more information.

What is expected of the participants?

- Answer some questionnaires about medical and family history and current state of mind
- Have a neurological exam that will be video recorded

How much time does it take to participate in the study?

The study visit takes up to 1.5 hours.

Where can you learn more about joining this study?

- Contact your local coordinator
- Contact the Coordinating Center's Coordinator
- www.rarediseasesnetwork.org/dystonia

There is no compensation for participating in this study.