

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
What is Huntington's Disease?

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	FROM THE SAME CLASS OF DISORDERS THAT INCLUDE PARKINSON'S DISEASE, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND A-L-S, HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE IS A CONDITION WITH A VARIETY OF SYMPTOMS. BUT THE MOST VISIBLE MAY BE THE INVOLUNTARY MOVEMENTS
Eric Ahlskog, M.D.	"THE ARMS, THE LEGS, THE FACE SOMETIMES IS MOVING ALMOST CONSTANTLY. AND THAT IS SOCIALLY EMBARRASSING AND ALSO CAN AFFECT GAIT AND MANUAL DEXTERITY."
	DR. ERIC AHLKOG, A MAYO CLINIC NEUROLOGIST SAYS PATIENTS MAY ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SPEECH,

	SWALLOWING AND BALANCE.
Dr. Ahlskog	“IT’S A GENETIC DISORDER. IT’S DOMINATELY INHERITED, AND THAT IMPLIES THAT IF YOU HAVE IT, YOU HAVE A 50 PERCENT CHANCE IN ANY GIVEN CHILD THAT YOU HAVE, TO ALSO PASS ALONG THAT SAME GENE.”
	THERE ARE NO CURES. TREATMENT FOCUSES ON RELIEVING SYMPTOMS AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.