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Retropulsion

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instability, one of the cardinal features of Parkinsonism. An individual who requires more than one step of recovery when pulled with moderate force from behind is manifesting difficulty with balance.

Synonyms

[Gait imbalance](#); [Postural instability](#)

Cross-References

► [Parkinson's Disease](#)

Definition

Retropulsion is an inability to maintain balance when pulled from behind. It is a sign of postural

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