

assess the level of dysphagia and adjust the care plan as needed. These patients are at high risk for aspiration and may require special interventions for feeding.

Labile Blood Pressure

Label BP-cuff

If patients have cranial nerve involvement, they may present with a labile blood pressure, which is characterized by episodes of hypertension, as well as episodes of hypotension. These must be managed independently.

Loss of Bowel and Bladder Control

Bowel-bowl and Bladder out of Control

As loss of muscle tone occurs throughout the body these patients present with loss of bowel and bladder sphincter control. Remember careful consideration in maintaining skin integrity in these patients as they will be temporarily immobile.

Considerations

Aggressive Airway Management

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Priorities involve continuous assessment and preparation for respiratory emergencies. Considerations include frequent assessments, management of secretions with suctioning if needed, keeping intubation equipment at the bedside, and considering the need for mechanical ventilation.