

# Higher Cortical Functions Bedside Examination

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## Cognitive domains

- Memory
- Language
- Visuospatial
- Praxia
- Executive functions

#### Neurocognitive domains

#### Perceptual-motor function

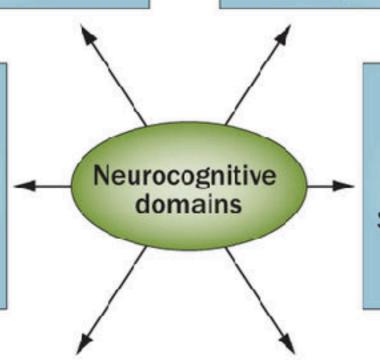
Visual perception
Visuoconstructional
reasoning
Perceptual-motor
coordination

#### Language

Object naming
Word finding
Fluency
Grammar and syntax
Receptive language

#### **Executive function**

Planning
Decision-making
Working memory
Responding to feedback
Inhibition
Flexibility



#### Learning and memory

Free recall
Cued recall
Recognition memory
Semantic and autobiographical
long-term memory
Implicit learning

#### Complex attention

Sustained attention Divided attention Selective attention Processing speed

#### Social cognition

Recognition of emotions Theory of mind Insight

## Cognitive test

- Domain specific cognitive test
- Overall cognitive test

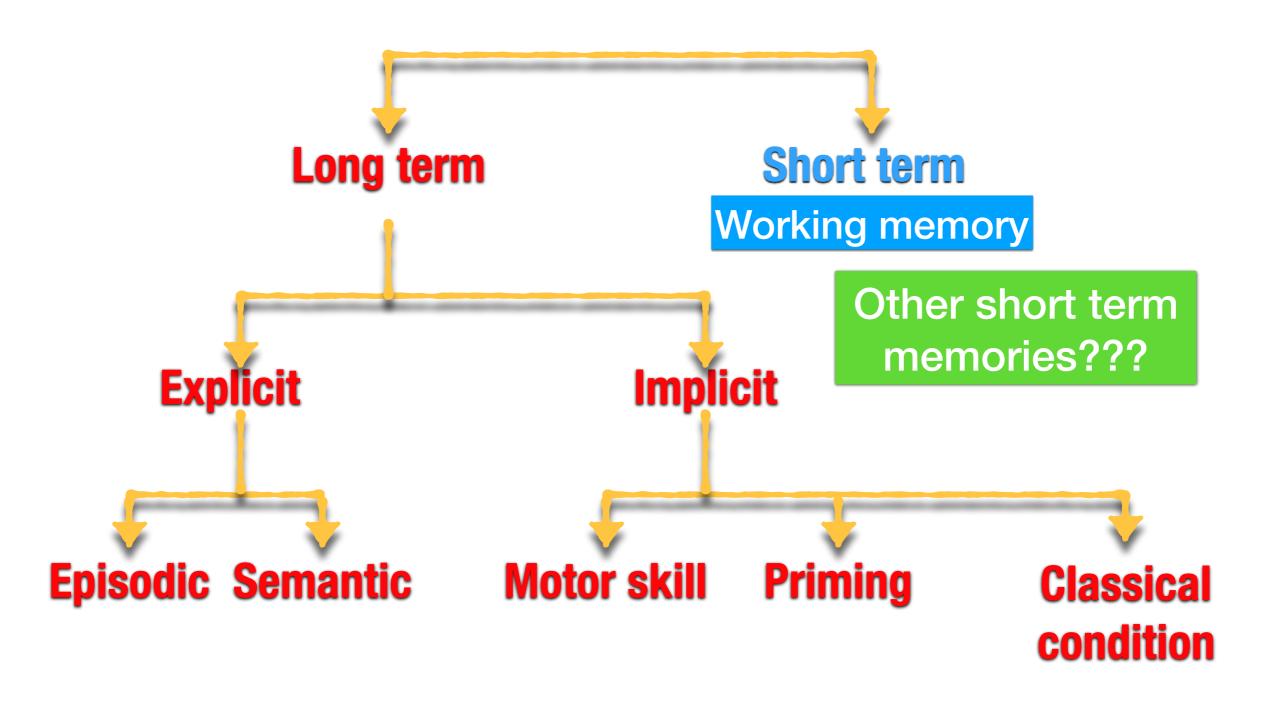
## Overall cognitive tests

- Mini-mental state examination (MMSE)
- Montreal cognitive assessment (MoCA)
- Saint Louis university mental status (SLUMS)
- Alzheimer's disease assessment scale (ADAS)
- The Addenbrooke's cognitive examination (ACE)
- Cambridge cognitive examination (CAMCOG)

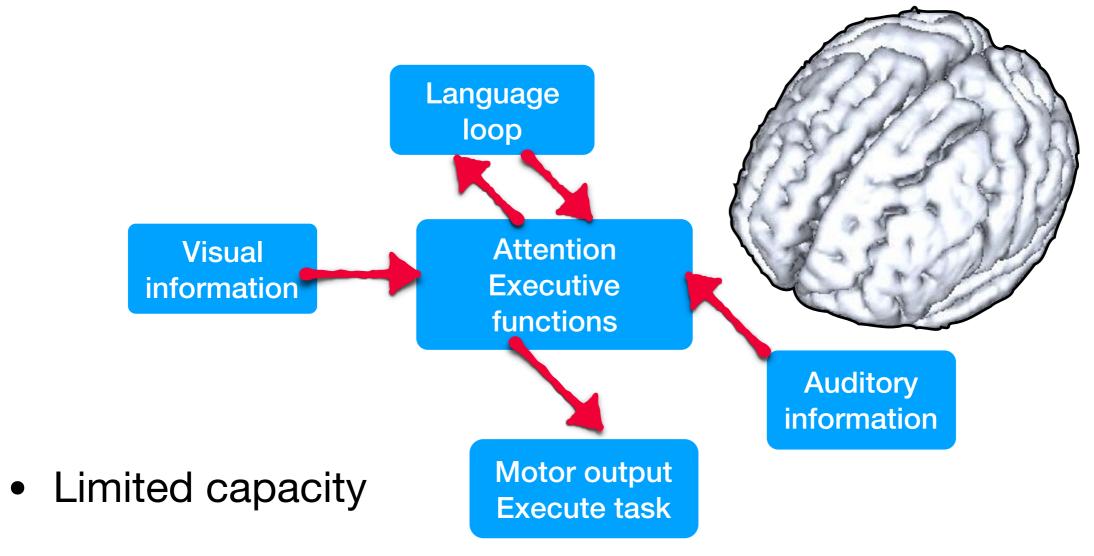
#### Specific domain cognitive tests

- Memory: delayed recall, digit span
- Language: naming test, category fluency, similarity
- Visuo-perceptual: cancellation test, line bisection, face recognition
- Attention: digit span, serial 7 subtraction, stoop color
- Executive function: Trail making, clock drawing, proverb explanation, tower of London
- Frontal inhibition: Luria's three-step test, go-no-go, copy alternate sequence

#### Memory



## Working memory

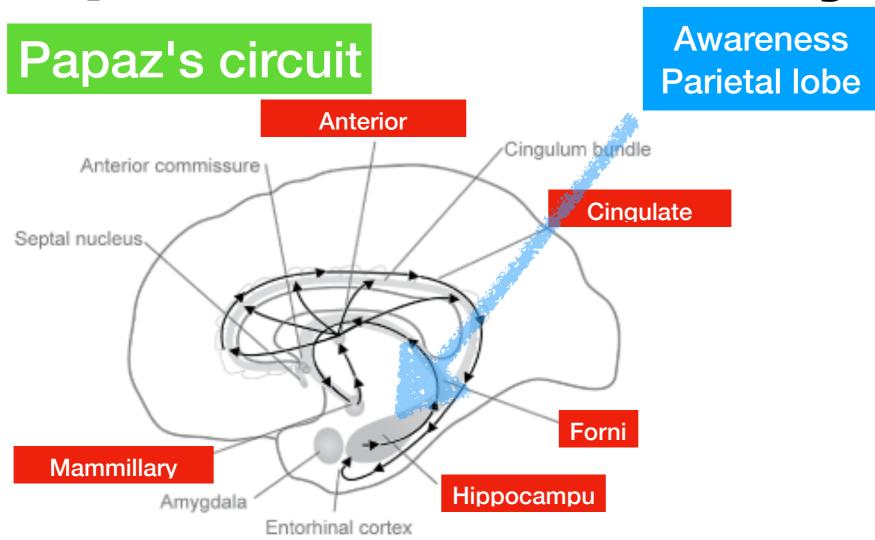


- Temporarily holding information available for processing
- Attention and rehearsal enhance the memory

# Working memory assessment

- Digit span forward and backward
- Delay recall

# Episodic memory



- Memory about space and time and what has happened
- Awareness and emotion enhance the memory
- Recognize the details of what has happened

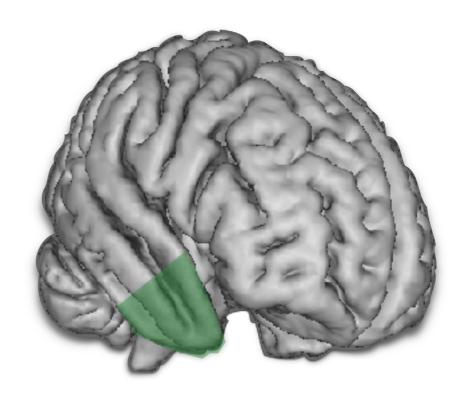
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# Episodic memory assessment

- Recent events with time or place tag (when, where, what)
- Delay recall
- Head turning signs
- Momentary confabulation

#### Semantic memory

Anterior temporal cortex
Sensory input
Language area
Hippocampus???



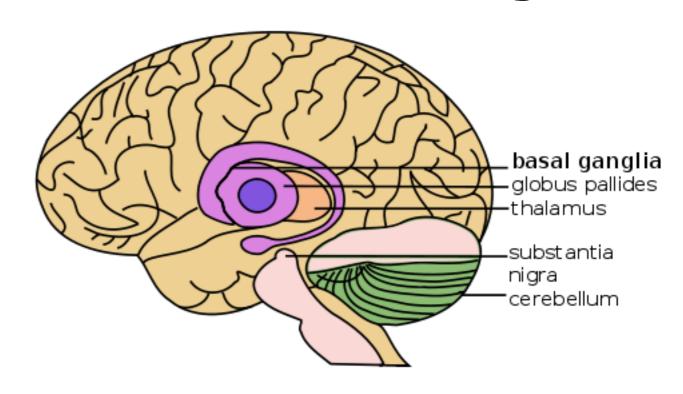
- Memory of general knowledge and personal information (autobiography)
- Learning and repeated exposure enhance the memory
- Retrieved when stimulated or internal thought

# Semantic memory assessments

- Naming and semantic knowledge
  - objects, pictures, famous faces
- Category fluency (animals, fruit)
- General knowledge
- Personal knowledge

#### Procedural memory

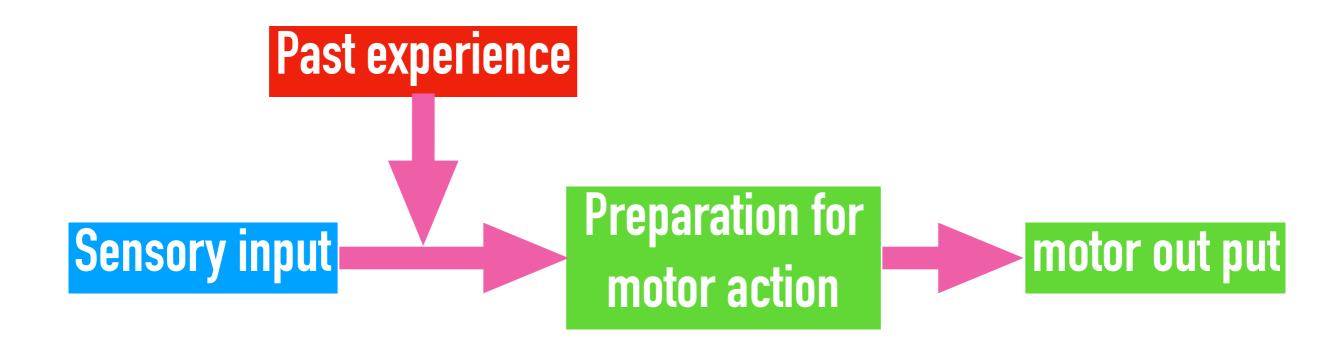
Network
Basal ganglia
Cerebellum



- Memory about knowing to do things, motor skills
- Learning and practicing enhance the memory

## Priming

 Memory of effect in which exposure to one stimulus influences the response to another stimulus



## Priming

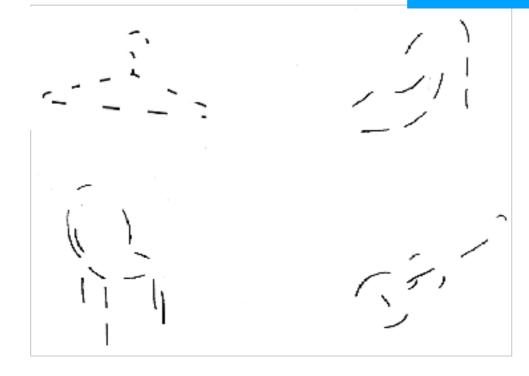
#### Word fragment

อาหาร ข้า\_มั\_ไ\_ มั\_มั\_

#### Word stem

เครื่องแต่งกาย เสื้อ <u>\_</u>ี\_ กาง \_ \_ <u>\_</u>ี\_

#### Picture fragment



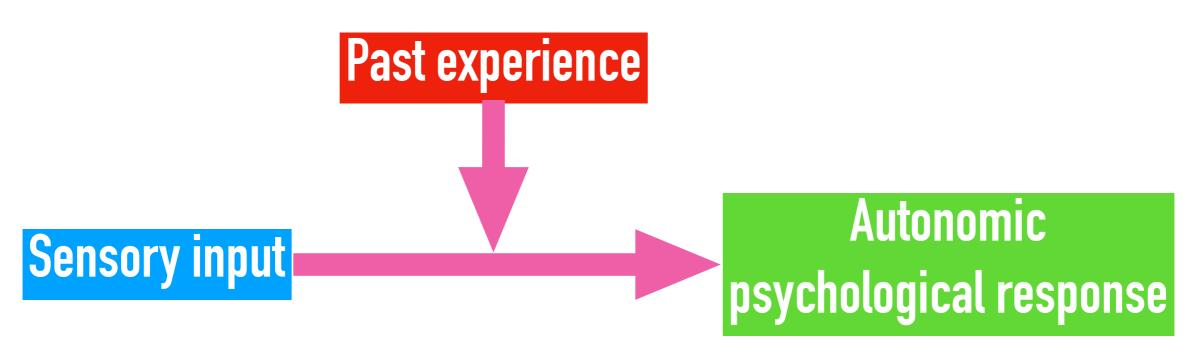






#### Classic condition

- Palovian
- Amygdala



# Language

# Lichtheim's diagram

Concept center Semantic knowledge Wernike's area Broca's area

Non-fluent aphasia

Fluent aphasia

#### Language assessment

Naming

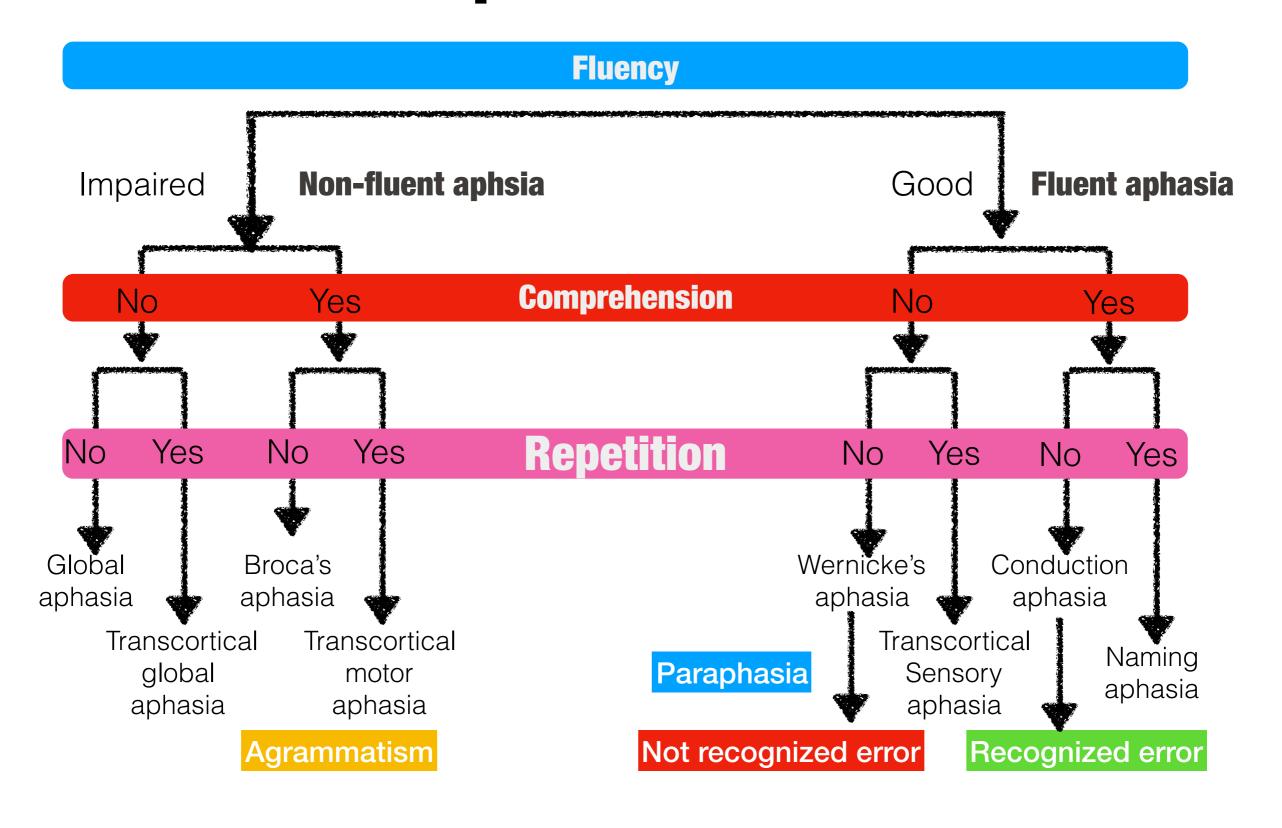
Verbal fluency: Alphabet, category

Comprehension: 3-step command, yes-no questions

Repetition

Reading and writing

#### Assess speech disorders



# Praxis

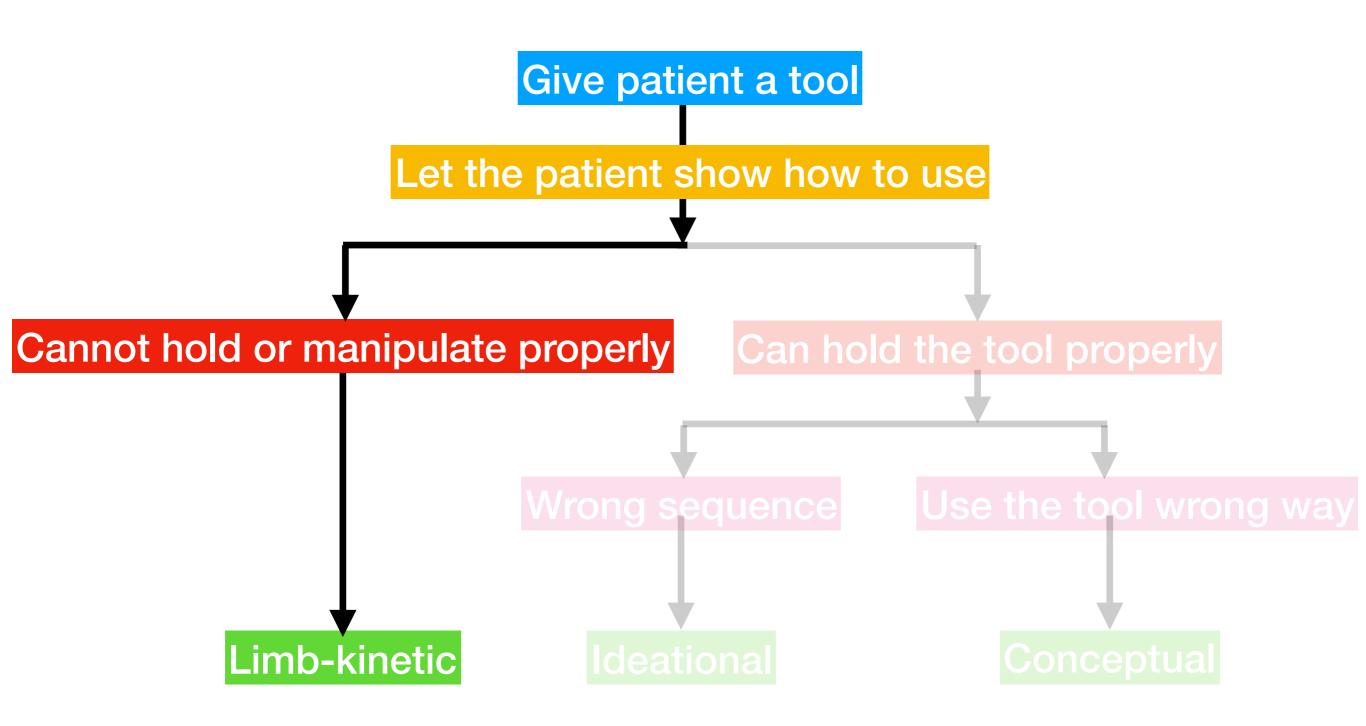
## Apraxia

- Disorder of skill to execute tasks
- Not caused by weakness, abnormal tone, movement disorders, akinesia, intellectual disorders
- Usually involving dominant hemisphere frontal and parietal area

#### Limb-kinetic apraxia

- Inability to handle tools for the purpose intended
- Anatomy
  - Supplementary motor area
  - Basal ganglia

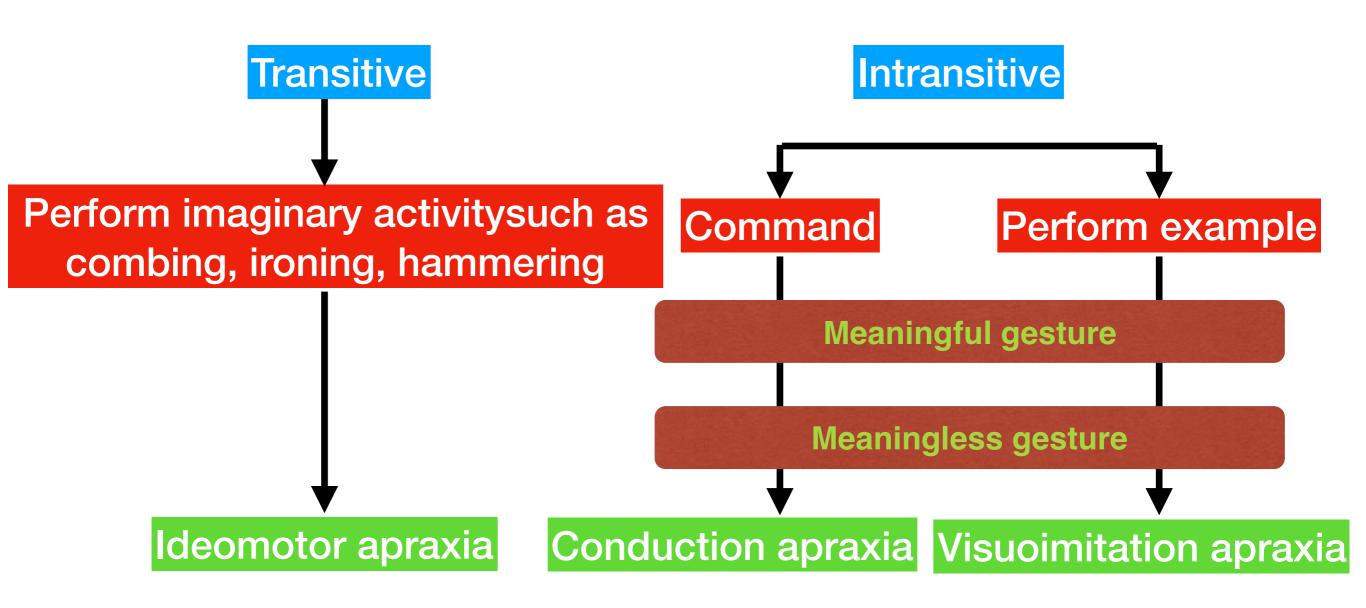
#### Assess apraxia with tool



## Ideomotor apraxia

- Impair of sensori-motor programs that generate motor control
- Timing and spatial organization of action
- Anatomy
  - Left parietal

#### Assess apraxia without tool



## Ideational apraxia

#### Sequence error

- Cannot perform purposeful task in order
  - Error preparing cups of coffee

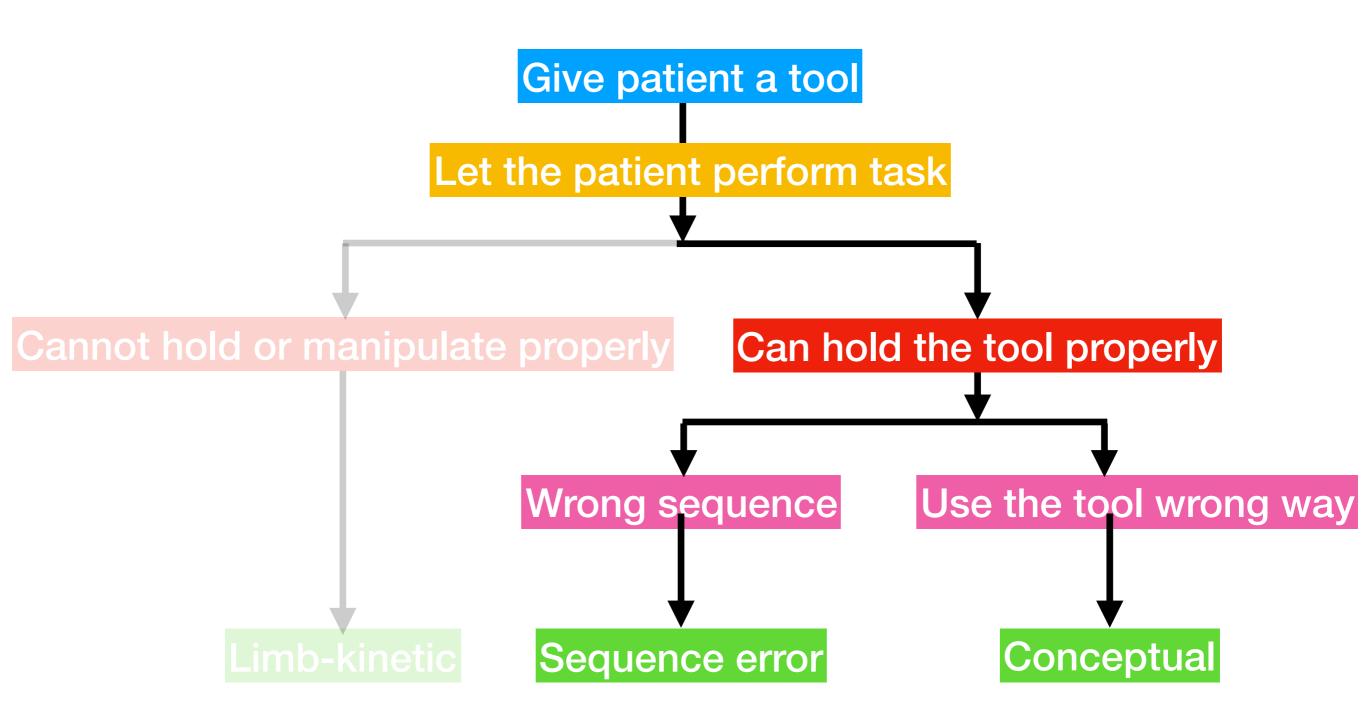
#### Conceptual error

- Error of single action task
- Demonstrate inappropriate use of tools
  - Brushing teeth with spoon

#### **Anatomy**

- Left temporal

#### Assess apraxia with tool



## Type of apraxia

- Limb-kinetic (supplementary motor, basal ganglia) motor
- Ideomotor (left parietal) spatial
- Ideational (left temporal) semantic

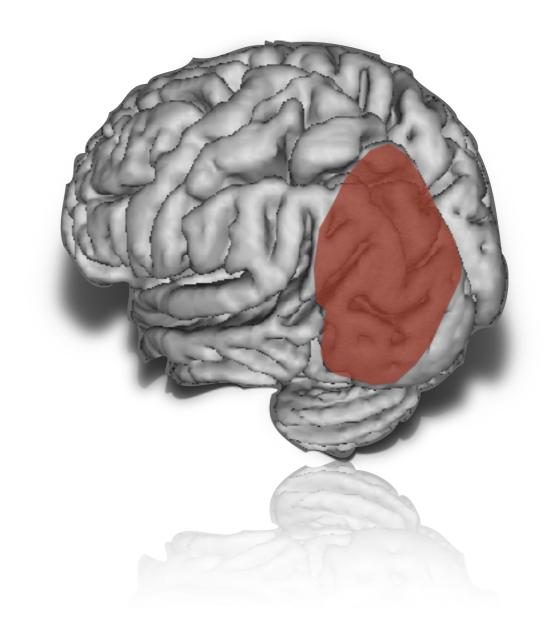
## Specific apraxia

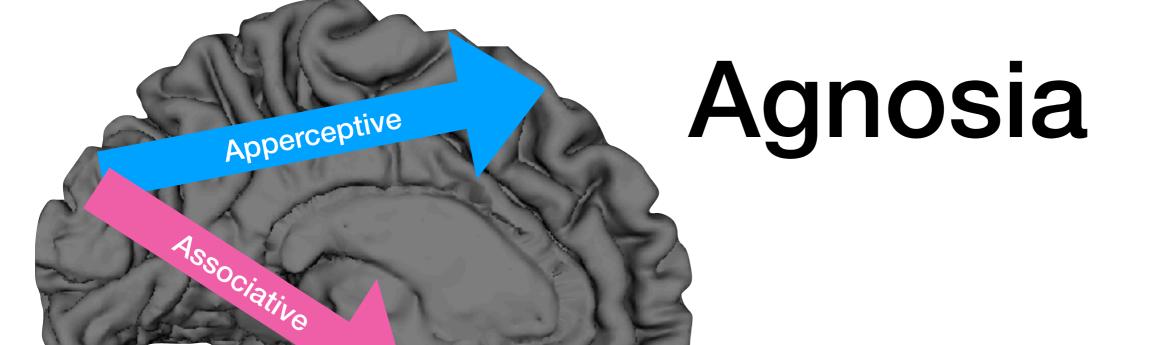
- Construction
- Dressing
- Speech
- Gait
- Gaze

#### Visuospatial

#### Visuos-perceptual ability

 Ability to interpret visual and spatial information about objects and space





	Apperceptive	Associative
Object description	Affected	Spared
Visual identification	Affected	Affected
Copying drawing	Affected	Spared
Object matching	Affected Spared	
Object knowledge	Spared Affected	
Tactile naming	Spared	Affected

#### Alternate hand movement



#### Visuos-perceptual assessment

#### Object recognition

Description of presented objects

Matching objects

Copy drawing objects

Verbal knowledge of objects

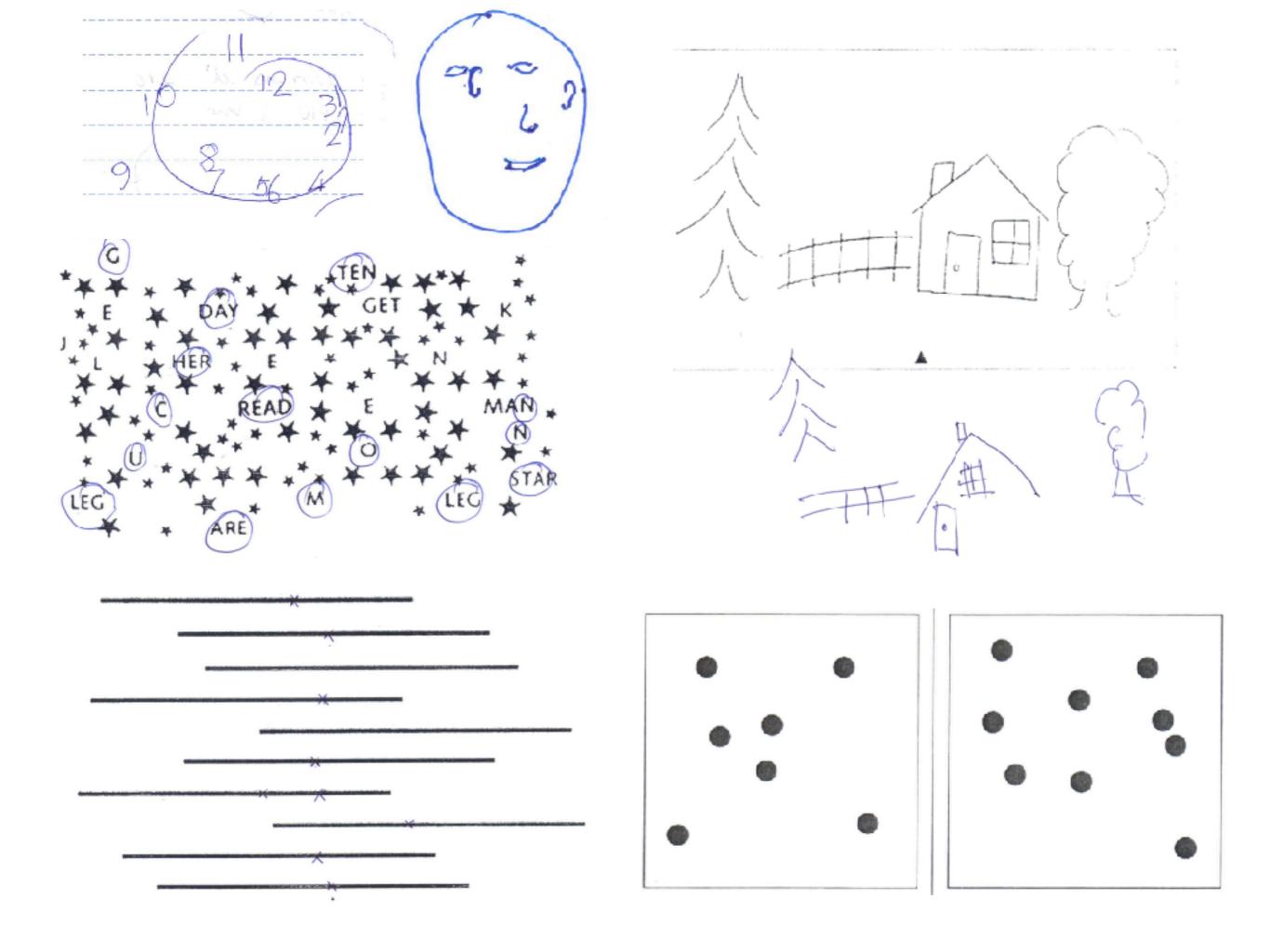
Tactile naming

#### Face recognition

Famous face naming

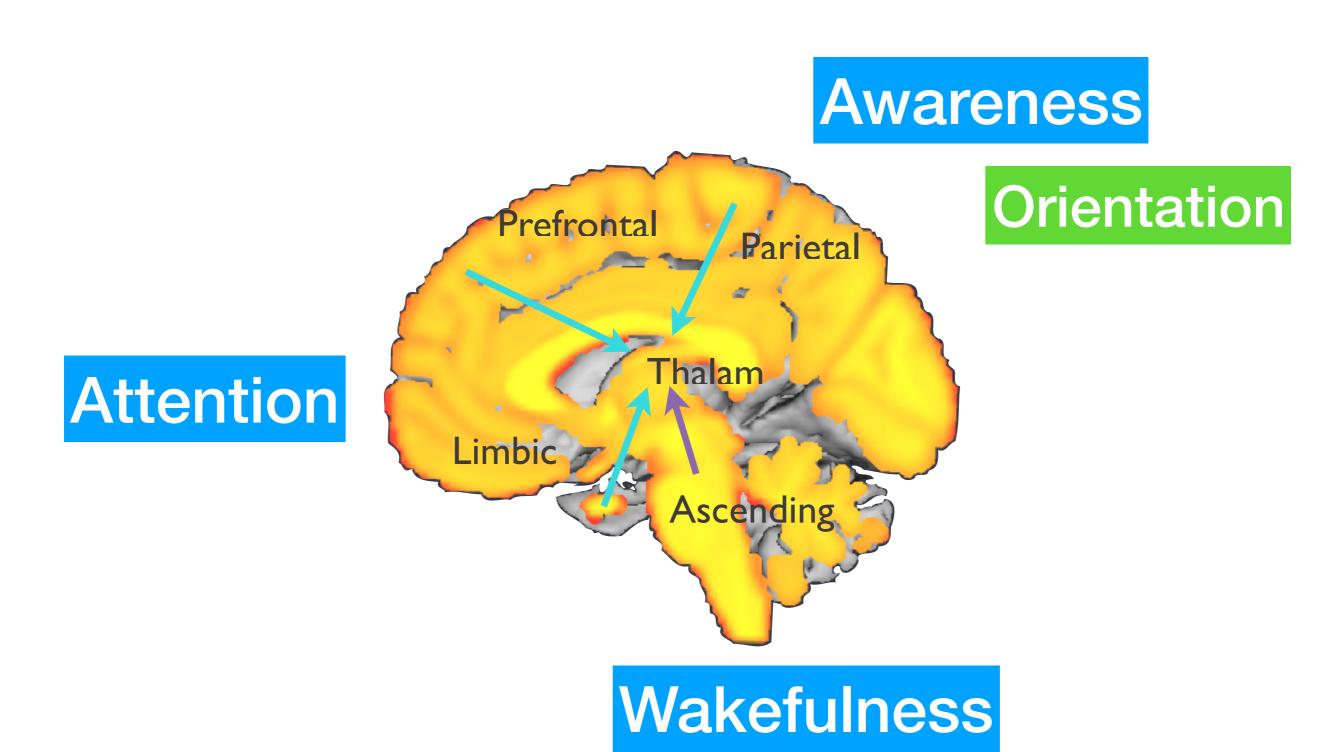
Face matching

Face description



# Attention

#### Attention and Awarenesss



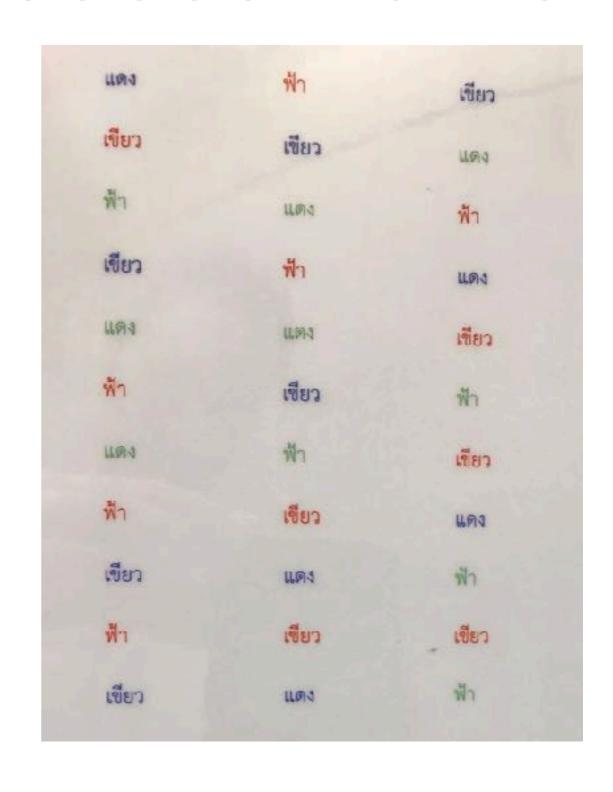
#### Attention assessments

- Digit span
- Day of the week
- Month of the year
- Serial 7 subtraction
- Stoop color

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Digits forwards
                                  Digits backwards
9-7
4-8-1
                             6-2
                                               2
6 - 3 - 2
                             2-8-3
7-2-8-6
                             4-1-5
 -2-7-3-1
                             3-2-7-9
 -5-8-3-6
                             4-9-6-8
                             6-1-8-4-3
5-9-1-7-4-2-3
                             5-3-9-4-1-8
4-1-7-9-3-8-6
  8 1 9 2 6 4 7 8
                             8 1 2 9 3 6 5
  8 2 9 5 1 7 4 8
                             4-7-3-9-1-2-8
Forward score
                            Backward score
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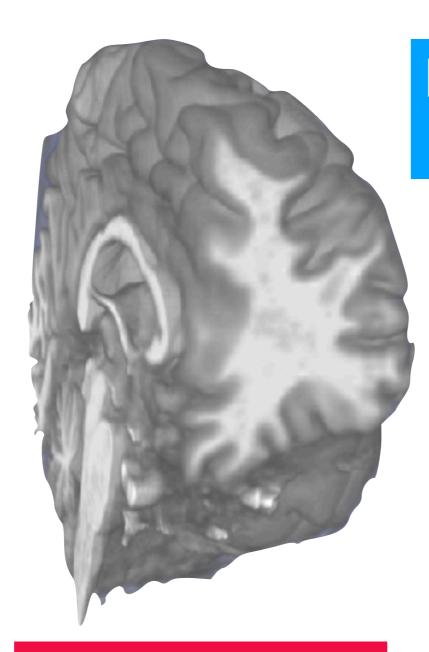
#### Orientation assessments

Time	Day of week	Place	Bluiding
Date			Floor
Month			Town
Season			County
Year			Country

# Social cognition Behavioural symptoms

## Frontal lobe syndrome

Medial frontal Apathy

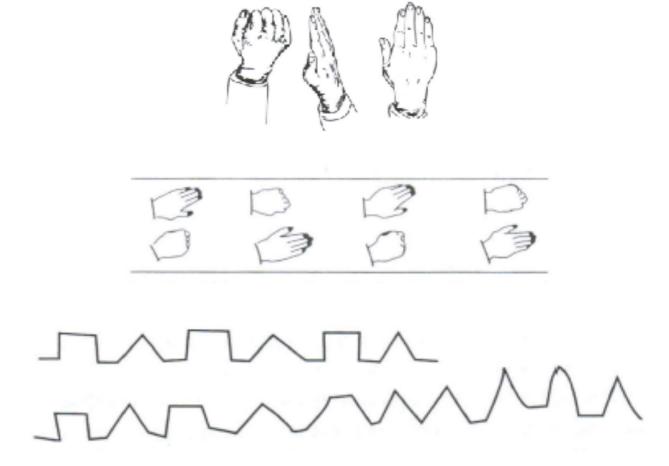


Inferior frontal Disinhibition

Dorsolateral frontal Dysexecutive

#### Inhibition

- Luria's three-step test
- Alternate hands movement
- Go-No-GO
- Copy alternate sequence



#### Frontal lobe releasing signs

- Grasping reflex
- Palmomental reflex
- Glabella tap
- Snouting reflex
- Rooting reflex