



PRACTICE CASE / ID

DATE

SETTING

Where in the nervous system is the problem, and when did it start?

WHAT MATTERS MOST

- Exact timing: onset, last known well, progression
- Focal deficits
- A structured neuro exam
- Localization in the Assessment

OFTEN MISSED

- Last known well for stroke
- Documenting a complete neuro exam
- Localizing before naming a diagnosis

S SUBJECTIVE

Chief complaint With exact onset.

HPI Onset (sudden vs gradual), last known well, progression, associated symptoms.

Source Witness accounts.

PMH / meds Including anticoagulants and the last dose.

O OBJECTIVE

Vital signs Including glucose.

Neuro exam Mental status, cranial nerves, motor, sensory, reflexes, coordination, gait.

Scores e.g. NIHSS, GCS.

Imaging / data

A ASSESSMENT

Localization Where the lesion likely is.

Diagnosis / differential

P PLAN

Diagnostics Imaging, labs.

Treatment

Monitoring Neuro checks.

Follow-up
