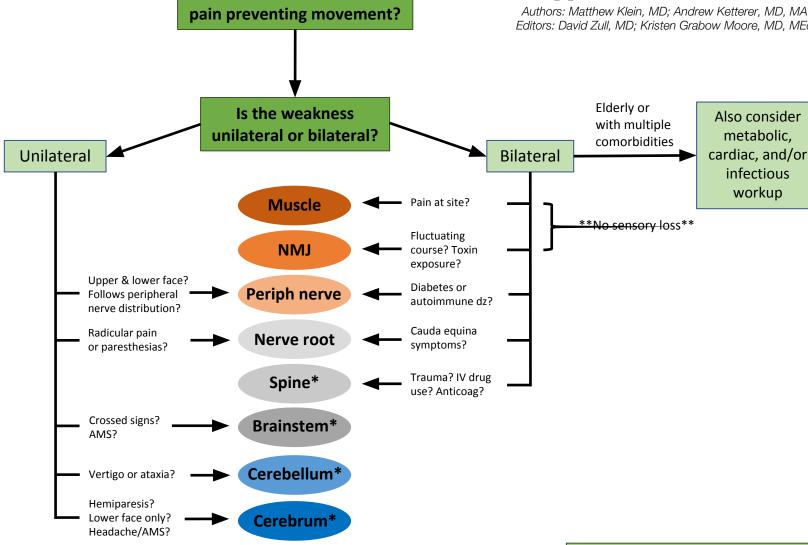


Foundations Frameworks

Approach to Weakness

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*Usually necessitates imaging; consider MS if the weakness comes and goes, and/or affects multiple neuro-anatomically distinct regions

Is there actual weakness, or

Note: None of the above are absolute rules; for example, MS, trauma, and metastatic tumors can cause unilateral spinal findings. Workup should be tailored to the patient's specific concerns and history.