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FACE Drooping

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ARM WEAKNESS

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?



SPEECH DIFFICULTY

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