

Subclavian Steal Syndrome

Cause	Atherosclerotic plaque at the origin of the subclavian artery (prior to vertebral artery junction)
Pathophysiology	Insufficient blood supply in arm during exercise → reversal of blood flow in the vertebral artery
Clinical presentation	Claudication of arm + Posterior neurologic signs (visual symptoms, equilibrium problems) Claudication without neurologic signs = Thoracic outlet syndrome
Diagnosis	Duplex scan shows reversal of flow
Management	Bypass surgery

