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## Beauty of Facial Nerve

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### ABSTRACT

Facial nerve is the motor nerve of facial expression which begins as a trunk and emerges from the parotid gland as five branches.

It is a 7th cranial nerve which supplies muscles of facial expressions but if nerve get weakens then facial expressions too weakened and to get over it, one has to strengthen the nerve.

Most of the time facial nerve weakness is idiopathic (unknown cause) and it occurs in any age group. Grades of facial palsy classified by House and Brackmann [1].

To give knowledge about Nerve weakness, patient should know about facial nerve itself.

Sometimes when patient is a paediatric age group, they can't understand about situation until we correlate it with some movie or comic character which child knows.

So, we imagine it and compare it with Spiderman.

Anatomically nerve has its own web like structure, which we had compared it with spider web and here Spiderman is the symbol of strength.

Facial nerve has relation with middle and inner ear also.

To strengthen your weakness, one must have to keep motivating. To treat facial nerve paralysis, strengthening the nerve is prerequisite in form of massage and exercise with positive attitude.

Conservative line of management in form of corticosteroids and antiviral like Acyclovir has to be added.

Sometimes disease of middle/inner ear and fracture of temporal bone may involve facial nerve and responsible for paralysis. In that case surgical exploration will require after HRCT temporal bone (FIG. 1).



**FIG. 1. Facial nerve and its pathway.**

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