

Differentiating Serotonin Syndrome From Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome						
Condition	Med History	Onset	Course	Neuromuscular Findings	Vitals	Labs
Serotonin syndrome	Serotonergic drug	Abrupt (within 24 hours)	Rapidly peaking	Increased tone, legs more so than arms; tremor; hyperreflexia	Hypertension Hyperthermia Tachycardia Tachypnea	Elevated or normal creatinine kinase
NMS	Dopamine antagonist	Gradual (days to weeks)	Prolonged	Diffuse "lead pipe" rigidity	Hypertension Hyperthermia Tachycardia Tachypnea	Elevated creatinine kinase

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