

Table 2. HINTS examination components.

Syndrome	Peripheral Finding (Vestibular Neuritis)	Central Finding (Stroke)	Clinical Pearl
Head Impulse Test	Abnormal (corrective saccade present)	Normal (no corrective saccade)	An abnormal test is reassuring; normal test in AVS suggests central lesion
Nystagmus Pattern	Unidirectional horizontal, follows Alexander's law (increases when looking toward fast phase)	Direction-changing, pure vertical, or pure torsional	Any central pattern indicates stroke regardless of other findings
Test of Skew	Absent (no vertical misalignment)	Present (vertical refixation on cover test)	Vertical misalignment strongly suggests brainstem pathology

Original table based on information in Shah et al 2023 in Reference 5.