



## Common Peroneal Nerve: The “CHHUI-MUI” Nerve”

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We read with great interest the report by Bahtiyarca et al.<sup>[1]</sup> in your reputed journal. The authors reported an usual case of bilateral foot drop in a chronic alcoholic man and concluded it to be secondary to pressure on common peroneal nerve (CPN) in unconscious state. Such a report brings forth several other instances where CPN palsy was reported in association with some unrelated procedure or instances as reported by the authors in current report. Few of such reports were anterior cervical operation,<sup>[2]</sup> liver surgery<sup>[3]</sup> and pronged wave surfing.<sup>[4]</sup> We believe that what is reported in the literature could be just the tip of the iceberg and many similar cases might have gone unreported. Here, we wish to use the expression for CPN as “chhui-mui” nerve [Indian name for ‘Touch-me-not plant’, *Mimosa pudica*]. Just as the leaves of

“chhui-mui” plant droop even by the air current of a person passing by, similarly, the foot supplied by CPN drops in procedures that are not related to CPN even remotely. To the best of our knowledge, this term has never been given to CPN. With this term, we hope to increase the awareness of readers about the extreme vulnerability of CPN and urge them to take as much precaution as one can even in cases that are not related to CPN.

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