**Decision Tree Algorithm for Facial Nerve Palsy (Bell’s Palsy) Level of Diagnostic Certainty**

**Criterion A:** peripheral facial nerve palsy*
- □ A1. Unable to or limited ability to wrinkle forehead
- □ A2. Unable to or limited ability to raise eyebrows

**Criterion B:** Disease onset and course
- □ Abrupt onset
- □ Rapid progression over 24-72 hrs
- □ Complete or partial resolution

**Criterion C:** No etiology for facial nerve palsy based on clinical history and physical examination

**Criterion D:** No etiology for facial nerve palsy based on laboratory investigation(s)

**Criterion E:** No etiology for facial nerve palsy based on radiologic investigation(s)

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*If facial palsy is bilateral, it must have been reported by a health care professional; if not, it is considered not a case; not required for unilateral facial palsy.