Pronator Drift Test

Patient's full name:
Date assessed:
Clinician's full name:
What you need:
A chair (optional), stopwatch
Instructions:
Ensure your patient is awake and can follow instructions.
Tell them what this test is for. Tell them to let you know when they're ready.
 When they're ready, have them sit up straight and stand up straight. Go with what's comfortable for the patient.
Tell them to close their eyes and to keep them closed until the test is over.
 Have them extend their arms forward and keep their hands supinated (their palms should be facing up).
 The patient needs to keep their arms in place for twenty to thirty seconds. Start timing them when they're in place.
 Observe their arms and do make sure that you're using a stopwatch to time the test for twenty or thirty seconds.
 You may also tap their arms and push them downward a bit to see if they will return to their previous position or not, or if it springs upward and misses the starting point
Results:
 Negative: the patient can maintain the position of their arms for the duration of the Pronator Drift Test Positive: the patient's arm drifts (especially if they don't notice) and can't place them back in their original positions
Positive Negative

Comments: